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G.R.S. Form #114 B

To The A. G. O.

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FEB 11 1926

DATE

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1. NAME CONOVER, Richard S.

SERIAL No. 45659

RANK Cpl.

ORGANIZATION M. G. Co. 18th Inf.

GRAVE LOCATION American Cty., Villers Tournelle, Somme

176

CTY. NAME

NUMBER

173

C

GRAVE

ROW

PLOT

2. ORIGINAL BATTLE AREA GRAVE LOCATION

20 Sec.E. Am.Mil.Cty. Cantigny Somme

GRAVE

COMMUNE

DEPT. #1263

COORDINATES 21 SE. 121.98. 331.90.

CONCENTRATED TO 6/2/19.

8

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DATE

GRAVE

ROW

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Am.Mil.Cty. Villers Tournelle (Somme)

Map 21 SE. E 119.8.

N.330.8.

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CEMETERY

CTY. NUMBER

Form 16, 6/2/19.

Data concerning any identification found on remains when concentrated, such as collar insignias, letters, broken bones, missing parts, etc.

Form 16, 6/2/19. signed Lt. Temple Bowling shows Ident. tag found on body and on cross.

Form 16-A, 12/7/20 signed S.D. Campbell, Capt. Inf. shows Ident. tag found on body and on grave marker. Following history found on paper in can on body. 45659- Richard Conover, Machine Gun Co. 18th Inf. Found Jan. 2, 1919. Gr. 20. Row E. Cantigny Mil. Cem. Body does not appear to be hospital case. Skull and lower jaw missing. Right and left shoulder blades, right and left upper arms, left lower arm, left hip left upper leg, left lower leg and ankle, ribs all fractured.

SUBSEQUENT REBURIALS

DATE OF DEATH	DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	CEMETERY
	<u>12/7/20.</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>R. 9.</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>176</u>
MEDALS OR DECORATIONS AWARDED	DATE	GRAVE	ROW	PLOT	CEMETERY
<u>Per Form 16/A</u>	<u>12/7/20.</u>		<u>none</u>		

SIGNATURE, AREA SUPERVISOR

W.R. BUCKLEY, Capt. CMC.

3. FINAL GRAVE LOCATION Oct. 6, 1922.

DATE

GRAVE

ROW

Block D

PLOT

Robert C. Davis,

Major General,

The Adjutant General.

4. Somme American #636, Bony (Aisne).

A.G.O.

FEB 11 1926

WORLD WAR DIV.

WORLD WAR DIV.

MAR 23 1928

AUDITED BY

mlr 3/24/26

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM 114 B

1. Forms 114-B are to be prepared by Registration Branch in quadruplicate, three copies to be forwarded to Area Supervisor who will accomplish paragraph 2 and return all three copies to Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service.
2. Paragraphs 1 and 3 will be accomplished by Registration Branch, Headquarters, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C., in Europe.
3. Paragraph 2 will be accomplished by Area Supervisor from data on file in his office.
4. If data is entered on Form 114-B from Form 1, Form I6, Form 1-A or Form 16-A, statement to this effect will be made on Form 114-B STATING WHICH G.R.S. form data is taken from. If data concerning co-ordinates is approximate and NOT accurate, statement to this effect will be made on these forms.



REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL.

Remains of:

Name: CONOVER Richard S.

Number: 45659

Rank:

Organization: M.G. Co., 18th, Inf.

Disinterment and Reburial made by Group / Unit 302

Disinterred (Date) 6-2-19 From: (Give complete location)

Grave-20. Sect E.A.M.MIL.CEM. Cantigny. Somme. 21SE-121.98-331.90

Reburied (Date) 6-2-19 in: (Give complete location)

Grave-8. Sect B.A.M.MIL.CEM. Villers Tournelle. 21SE 119.76-330.92

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Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:

Buried in Burlap ----- Decomposed

Was one identification tag found upon the body? Yes

What other means of identification were found on the body?

Tag on Cross

11265  
CONFIRMED NO. 8

Note:

If upon disinterment, effects are found upon bodies, they will be promptly sent to the Effects Dept direct as is required by G.O. 170, G.H. 2, 1918, after being carefully examined for clues to identity in doubtful cases notation whereof will be made and reported to Chief, Graves Registration Service.

Supervised By: Lt. Temple Bowling

Lt. Temple Bowling

C.O. Group 1 Unit 302



**GRAVE LOCATION BLANK.**

LOCATION OF THE GRAVE OF

**Conover** **45659** **Richard S.**  
(Surname.) (Number.) (First Name and Initials.)  
**Corporal** **M.G.Co. 18th Inf.**  
(Rank.) (Organization.)

DATE OF BURIAL.....

PLACE OF BURIAL.....

(Give Cemetery, Town and Department.) Map reference must specify clearly what map is used.

GRAVE NUMBER.....

HOW MARKED: Name Peg?..... Cross?.....

Headboard?..... Bottle?.....

IDENTIFICATION TAGS:

Was one buried with body?.....

Was one fastened to name peg or stake used as a grave marker?.....

If name unknown and tags missing, description and marks should be given here:

**After this soldier was killed, sector of trenches where body lay was subjected to heavy artillery fire. Trenches were evacuated and company moved to new sector. No other data.**

REPORTED BY:

(Signature and Rank of Reporting Officer.)

This portion to be forwarded to Adj. Gen'l., G.H.Q., A.E.F.

Co M.G.

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Cpl. Conover  
about 60 yards fr  
This was on May 2

Emergency ad  
Rev. J.  
East Gr

A/A/

- Cpl. 45659  
Greenwich, R.I.

Machine gun bullet,  
each where he fell.

Sgt. 45775  
18th Inf.  
Joliet, Ill.

Infantry

Co M.G. 18th Inf.  
1st Division

CONOVER, Richard S.- Cpl. 45659  
Home : E. Greenwich, R.I.

Cpl. Conover was killed instantly by an enemy machine gun bullet, about 60 yards from Cantigny. He was buried in the trench where he fell. This was on May 27th 1918.

Informant : Wehr, Ernest C.- Sgt. 45775  
Co M.G. 18th Inf.  
Home : 1002 Water Street, Joliet, Ill.

Signed : T.R. Gibson,  
Captain 18th Infantry

Emergency address :  
Rev. J.P. Conover  
East Greenwich, R.I.

A/A/

Conover, Richard S. 16.20  
Cpl. 3.75

3.00

G O L D   S T A R   P I L G R I M A G E S

PARTY B SAILING JUNE 7, 1933

Pilgrims should follow the itinerary exactly as shown because all 6 transportation employees have been instructed to report if any passenger is missing at starting point, enroute, or at destination.

Conover, Mrs. Mary B. (B-27)  
R.F.D. #1, Newport, R.I.

Route Going and Returning: New England SS Co.

Itinerary:

→ Mon June 5 ✓ Leave Newport, R.I. 8.00 PM EST N.E.S.S. Co.  
→ Tues " 6 ✓ Arrive New York (Pier 14, N.R.) NY 6.00 AM EST

→ Stateroom, Newport, R.I. to New York, N.Y.

Elapsed time, 10 hours.

N.E.P.A. Itin. B - 5/18/33

Kid

Entered on list

*Travis*

Conover, Richard S.

Corpl Machine Gun Co. 18th Inf.

Killed in action May 27, 1918.

Emergency address: Not yet identified.

A.G.O. 6/10/18

TBS-26

REC'D.

JUN 1 0 13 13

O. S. I. G.

Write nothing below this line.

CODE SLIP

HEADING	SUB HEADING	NO. OF COLS	CODE
NAME	Conover Richards	3	3 0 9
	CEMETERY	1	5
BURIED	GR.VE	2	04
	ROW	2	04
	BLOCK	1	4
STATE	R.I.	2	45
RANK	Cpl.	1	2
DIVISION	1	2	01
ORGANIZATION	18	3	018
LEM	2uf	1	1
MARITAL	no	1	2
NAME	Mrs. Mary B. Conover	3	3 0 9
	(Jus R.)		
	STATE	2	45
RESIDENCE	COUNTY	2	03
	CITY	3	012
RELATION	mother	1	1
OTHER	Father	1	1
ELIGIBILITY	yes	1	1
NATIVITY		1	
RACE		1	
ENGLISH	yes	1	1
ATTENDANT		1	
HEALTH	Poor	1	2
NO. OF SONS		1	
DATE OF TRIP	MO. YR.	2	
	1933	1	4
ACCEPTANCE	Yes	1	1
29/514/EAB	Age		61

Declined  
 Dwr. 5-17-32

Audited  
 DEC 1 1931  
 MB

Name ..... CONOVER Mrs. Mary B.,

Paris Hôtel ..... HOTEL LUTÉZIA  
BOULEVARD BARRAS

Home address ..... R.F.D. #1, Newport, Newport Co., Rhode Island  
*see reverse side* Route 2, St. Mary's Rectory, Newport, Newport County,  
Rhode Island ~~401 E. Westminster Ave., Lake Forest, Lake Co., Ill.~~

Party ..... B ..... Group ..... Unit

Date of arrival 6/14/33 SS. WASHINGTON ..... Date of departure 6/29/33. SS. HARDING

Relationship ..... Mother, age 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ / 64

Name of deceased ..... CONOVER, Richard S.

Rank ..... Cpl. ..... Organization M.G. Co., 18th Inf *1st Div*

Cemetery ..... Somme *E 4 - II - 4*

## REMARKS

to be accompanied by son Lt. Com. Jas. P. Conover, Jr.  
wishes a sidetrip to England

Address mail to Regent Palace Hotel, Piccadilly Circus, London before leaving  
on 29th of June. when it should be forwarded to:

Indian Avenue, Newport, Rhode Island, U.S.A.

Took sidetrip to London. Left Party June 20, rejoined party at Southampton



RRJ/bt

June 21, 1933.

Lt. Commander J. P. Conover, Jr.,  
Regent Palace Hotel,  
Piccadilly Circus,  
London.

My dear Commander Conover:

Your letter of June 19th has just reached me, and I am delighted to know that you and your mother found our arrangements over here so satisfactory. It has been a great pleasure to all of us to be able to do whatever we could to make this pilgrimage satisfactory to the mothers who have come over.

We have noted your request for forwarding mail and that will be attended to promptly.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

R. H. JORDAN,  
Lt. Colonel, Q.M. Corps,  
Officer in Charge.

Hôtel de l'Univers  
Amas

19 June Fall 1999

Téléphone 8

R. C. A. 7374

S. A. R. L. CAP. 1,000,000

Lieut. Col. Jordan U.S.A.  
20 Rue Moëton  
Paris (16), France

Miss Penée  
no date on  
mail, 99

Dear Colonel,

This is a request  
to have all mail for my  
mother & myself forwarded  
to the Regent Palace Hotel,  
Piccadilly Circus, London,  
until such time as it  
would arrive in London  
too late to reach us on

account of our leaving to  
sail from Southhampton  
onboard S.S. President  
Harding, ~~July~~ 29 June,  
when it should be forwarded  
to  
Indian Avenue,  
Newport,  
Rhode Island, U.S.A.

We have just returned  
from our trip to-day to the  
Cemetery at Bourne, an  
exceedingly well conducted  
trip in every respect. I  
shall always look back  
most gratefully upon the  
kindness and consideration with  
which my Mother has been  
looked after by your officers

and their assistants -

Sincerely yours

J. P. Conover Jr

Lt. Comdr. U.S. Navy.

HEADQUARTERS IN EUROPE  
AMERICAN PILGRIMAGE GOLD STAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS  
146, Avenue des Champs Elysees. Paris.  
France.

Form No. 1

June 17th, 1933

Mrs Mary B. Conover

Hotel Lutetia, Paris.

Dear Mrs. Conover:

The Officer conducting your unit has notified this office that you desire to detach yourself from your group on or about June 18th, 1933 for the purpose of making a personal tour to England, and it is understood that you will rejoin your party at Southampton on or about June 29th, 1933.

All expenses in connection with this side trip must be borne from private funds, and it is understood that you have the necessary funds to make this trip.

Your Pilgrimage passport No. 263 is given you for your trip, and should be handed to the Officer conducting your unit at the hotel immediately on your return.

This office will assist you in every possible way to arrange this trip.

In the event that you do not return in time to rejoin your party leaving Paris June 29th, 1933 on S.S. Pres. "HARDING" from Le Havre, the United States will not incur or be subject to any expense with regard to your Pilgrimage after that date. This includes the cost of return transportation to the United States, and the cost of railway and sleeper fare from New York to your home as well as all other travelling and incidental expenses.

For the Officer in Charge:

Henry S. Evans,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps.  
Executive Officer.

I have read above letter and understand the contents, and will return with my party to New York.

Mary B. Conover  
Mary B. CONOVER

PARTY " B "



QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Son)

May 4, 1933

Mrs. Jas. P. Conover,  
RFD 1,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 3rd, advising that your son will accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard S. Conover, and requesting that you be permitted to leave the party at Plymouth, rejoining your group in Paris prior to returning to the United States.

It is regretted to advise such arrangements cannot be made. It will be necessary for you to accompany your group to the cemetery, after which time you could be free to visit England if desired. The plans provide for your arrival in Paris on June 14th, where you will remain until June 18th, at which time you will depart for the Somme American Cemetery to visit the grave of your son. On June 22nd, you would return to Paris and if you and your son then desire to visit friends in England, such arrangements could be made, provided you rejoined your group to return to the United States on the President Harding, sailing June 29th.

Under the law, none of the expense of your journey from your home to Europe and return can be paid by the Government unless you visit the grave of your son with your party. While I appreciate your desire to make an independent pilgrimage with your son, you will understand that this office has no alternative other than to be governed by the law authorizing the pilgrimage. It is believed you will have ample opportunity to visit your friends in England. It is suggested you take the matter up with the Officer in Charge, Mothers & Widows Pilgrimage, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, upon your arrival there. You understand of course that all expense incident to your trip to England, including the British visa, must be paid from personal funds.

Should your daughter arrange to sail on the Washington, it is requested this office be advised promptly. It is suggested when making reservation she advise the Roosevelt Steamship Company that she desires accommodations similar to those provided for you as she desires to accompany you on the journey.

RWF

QM 295 A-M

Conover, Richard S. (Son)

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Upon receipt of advice that your daughter is accompanying you, arrangements will be made for you to share the hotel rooms in New York and Paris and the cabins aboard the vessels.

Copy of letter of February 2, 1933, granting leave to your son, Lt. Cmdr. James P. Conover, Jr., in order that he may accompany you on the pilgrimage, is returned herewith.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
Copy lt.  
bb

# TÉLÉGRAMME

N° .....	TAXE PRINCIPALE.....		
Mots .....	TAXES	}	
à .....	ACCESSOIRES		
h. ....	TOTAL.....		

POUR .....

MENTIONS DE SERVICE **non taxées** A TRANSMETTRE EN PRÉAMBULE

Ph. Rosen, Paris

Please send all Conover mail to  
Regent-Palace Hotel - Piccadilly Circus  
London. A. P. Conover -

Nom et adresse de l'expéditeur :

**HOTEL LUTETIA 80 - PARIS**

Ces indications ne sont taxées et transmises que sur la demande expresse de l'expéditeur

sidetrip to England

PART B  
SOME DATES (cont.)

~~Wednesday, June 28, visited by, lunched at home. The afternoon  
was free.~~

~~Thursday, June 29, departed for the home from the home for  
invalids. Embarked on the morning.~~

MRS. MARY B. CONOVER

Joined party at Southampton

PART 3  
18000 0000

Tuesday, June 14, arrived at Le Havre at 8:00 A.M. on the SS on Washington in charge of Capt. S. J. J. J., Lieut. W. Gregory, C. J. J., as Mission Officers. The party was met at the dock by Maj. Gen. H. H. H. H. and other officers. Left Le Havre Maritime Station at 8:15 A.M. and arrived at the Gare des Invalides at 12:30 P.M. Detained and spent the night at the hotel Lutetia.

Wednesday, June 15, during the morning, conferences were held with the conducting officers. After lunch at the hotel, the pilgrin visited Napoleon's Tomb.

Friday, June 16, the morning was spent shopping. After lunch at the hotel, the pilgrin visited Versailles.

Saturday, June 17, the morning was free. After a lunch at the hotel, the pilgrin attended the ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe, and later had tea at the Restaurant Lutetia.

Sunday, June 18, left Paris at 8:00 A.M. for Chantilly, lunch at Compiègne, visited unions and Arnes. Night at Arnes.

Monday, June 19, at Arnes, lunch at cemetery, night at Arnes.

Tuesday, June 20, at Arnes, visited cemetery, lunch at St. Quentin, night at Arnes.

Wednesday, June 21, at Arnes, visited Vimy Ridge, lunch at Arnes, visited Imperial Monument, night at Arnes.

Thursday, June 22, at Arnes, visited cemetery, lunch at St. Quentin, night at Soissons.

Friday, June 23, left Soissons, visited G.A. Cemetery, lunched at Chateau Thierry, visited A.A. Cemetery, and spent night in Paris.

Saturday, June 24, morning was free, lunch at hotel. In the afternoon visited St. Germain-en-Laye.

Sunday, June 25, morning at church, lunched at hotel. At 9:30 P.M. went on night sightseeing trip.

Monday, June 26, visited Sacre Coeur, lunched at hotel, visited Lafayette Boulevard.

Tuesday, June 27, visited the Louvre, lunch at the hotel, and visited Notre Dame.

trip  
to  
England

**WAR DEPARTMENT  
 PILGRIMAGE WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS  
 225 West 34th. St. New York, N. Y.**

Party **B** .....  
 Number **156** .....

**REQUEST FOR PULLMAN RESERVATIONS.**

..... **Conover, Mrs. Mary B.** .....  
 Name of Pilgrim

Actual cost of  
 Through Pullman at the  
 Lower Berth Rate.

..... **RFD # 1** .....  
 City Home Address County

..... **Newport, R.I.** .....  
 State

New York, to .....

Destination of Ticket .. **Newport, R.I.** .....

\$.....

via .. **N.E.S.S.Co. to Newport.** .....

**July 8th 1933**

Date of Departure

**Aug 15th. 33**

Expiration Date of Ticket

	Road	Tr. No.	Date	Time	Lower Seat or Coach	Car	U.S.G. Order No.	Actual Cost
Lv. Pier 14 N.R.	NESS	Priscilla	7/8	4:30 P.M.	Stateroom			
Ar. Newport	"	"	7/9	2:00 A.M.	388		WQ 1.028.836	3.00
Lv. <i>to New Eng. Steam Ship Co.</i>								
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Excess Fare New York, to.

Cost \$

Total

Stop Over .....

Through Rate

Excess

PILGRIMAGE OF WAR MOTHERS & WIDOWS

GENERAL RELEASE

File B-156

Mrs. Mary B. Conover.  
Address Newport R.I.

Released in New York.

To Lt. Comm. Conover son.  
Address escorting to home

ant. 4 Bar 7/7

RECEIVED RAILROAD AND PULLMAN TICKET  
J. J. Conover

PARTY <sup>B</sup> ..... FILE NO. ....

NAME Conover, Mrs. Mary B. (James P.)  
~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ RFD #1  
~~xxxxxxForest Hill~~ Newport, R.I.

ROUTE OF TICKET

*N. E. Ill.* to *Newport R. I.*  
..... to .....  
..... to .....

Expiration date *Aug 15-33* .....

The following stop overs are requested.

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(Signature of Pilgrim)

IN CABIN WITH

Mrs. Mattie Rugg- B-76-3- Group SOM

PARTY "B"  
May 22, 1933

Mrs. Mary B. Conover  
401 E. Westminster Avenue  
Lake Forest, Illinois

Dear Madam:

Upon your arrival in New York City you will be met at the railroad station by an Army Officer who will engage porter service to take care of your baggage and escort you to the hotel. During your sojourn here before sailing for Europe and upon your return from Europe, you will stop at the Hotel McAlpin, 34th Street and Broadway, New York City.

The two tags and four identification pasters accompanying this communication are intended to protect your baggage while in transit. One tag should be attached to the handle of each piece of your baggage and a paster placed on each end of each piece of your baggage before leaving your home. Your baggage will be safer and also more readily available to you after your arrival in New York if it is placed with you on the train.

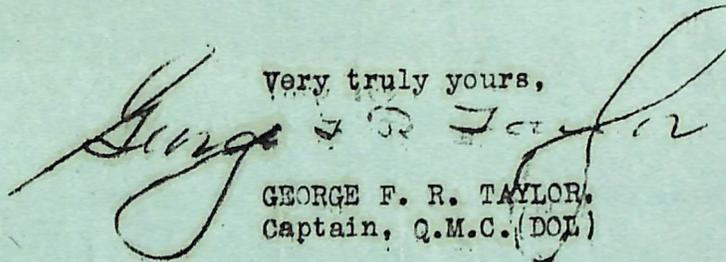
All mail intended to reach you between June 7th, 1933, the day you sail from the United States, and June 29th, 1933, the day you leave Europe, should be addressed to you in care of American Pilgrimage, 20 Rue Molitor, Paris (16), France; for example:

Mrs. Mary Smith,  
c/o American Pilgrimage,  
20 Rue Molitor,  
Paris (16), France.

The party you are to travel with will be disbanded in New York City on the day following your return from Europe and all arrangements for your Pullman accommodations will be made with the railroads in advance by this office. This will require you to remain in New York at the hotel over night as a guest of the United States Government.

Information relative to the cemeteries in Europe is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,



GEORGE F. R. TAYLOR,  
Captain, Q.M.C. (DOI)

- 7 Incls.:  
2 Baggage Tags  
4 Baggage Pastors  
1 Copy Cemeterial Information

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

May 4, 1933

To All Concerned:

Please make the following changes in passenger

list for:

CHANGE #14	PARTY	PAGE
ADD DELAWARE COUNTY	IOWA	Page 3 - 5
62 M Watters, Mrs. Rachel C. Box 543, Greeley	PFC Chas. J. Watters Grave 11, Row 24, Block B.	
CHANGE ADDRESS JACKSON COUNTY	MISSISSIPPI	Page 3 - 15
Permenter, Mrs. Susan <u>318 South St., E., Jackson</u>		
CHANGE ADDRESS		
From LAKE COUNTY	ILLINOIS	Page 3 - 25
To NEWPORT COUNTY	RHODE ISLAND	Page 3 - 27
61 M Conover, Mrs. Mary B. RFD #1, Newport (To be accompanied by son, Lt. Com. Jas. P. Conover, Jr.)	Opl. Richard S. Conover Grave 4, Row 4, Block D	

For The Quartermaster General.

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

## THE NEW ENGLAND STEAMSHIP COMPANY

PASSENGER TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

## FALL RIVER LINE

PROVIDENCE LINE

NEW BEDFORD LINE

NEW LONDON LINE

NEW BEDFORD, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMBOAT LINE

R. H. PUSCH, GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT

PIER 14, N. R., NEW YORK

R. C. STANLEY, ASST. GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT

TELEPHONE: BARCLAY 7-1900

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE

3321-C

June 30th, 1933

Cap't. George F. R. Taylor,  
War Department  
225 West 34th Street,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th instant with enclosure of three copies of schedule of Pilgrim, Mrs. Mary B. Conover, due to leave New York via Steamer Priscilla, July 8th, 1933.

We note that this Pilgrim will be escorted to the boat by a United States Army Officer in uniform who will also have her steamship ticket which will be presented to her on the boat, also that it is the desire of your office that this Pilgrim be permitted to board the boat in advance of the regular passengers, in order to avoid confusion. We shall be pleased to grant this request and are instructing our officials accordingly.

Yours very truly,

*R. H. Pusch*  
General Passenger Agent.

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T. M.



THE NEW ENGLAND STEAMSHIP COMPANY

PASSENGER TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

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3321-C

July 11th, 1933

Capt. George F.R. Taylor,  
War Department  
225 West 34th Street,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant with enclosure of government transportation request W-1028836, covering stateroom #388 on Steamer Priscilla, New York to Fall River, July 8th, in the name of Mrs. Mary B. Obover, Gold Star Mother, for which please accept our thanks.

Yours very truly,

*R. H. Pusch*  
General Passenger Agent.

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J. F. M.

*Mrs. Mary B. Obover*  
*7-12*

**PARTY**

**B-27**

**EASTBOUND**

**STATE**

**GROUP**

**SOM**

**61-M**

**ILLINOIS**

Mrs. **Conover, Mary B. (James P.)**

(Name of Pilgrim)

Address **RFD #1**

(Street & No.)

**Newport**

(City or Town)

**R.I.**

(State)

**Newport**

(County)

**Mrs. Herbert Henriques - Daughter**

(Name of Nearest Kin)

Address **284 Madeline Drive**

(Street & No.)

**Pasadena**

(City or Town)

**California**

(State)

(County)

**ARRIVAL NEW YORK**

VIA. R.R. **New England SS**

Train No.

Date

**6-6-33**

Hotel **McAlpin**

Room No.

**1208**

Roomed with **Mrs. Mattie Rugg**

**DEPARTURE NEW YORK**

Date **6-7-33**

Vessel

**Washington**

Cabin No.

**B-76-1**

In Cabin with **Mrs. Mattie Rugg - B-76-3**

(Over Westbound)

RPB-2-17-31-4M

HEALTH POOR

WESTBOUND

ARRIVAL NEW YORK

Date **July 7, 1933** ..... Vessel **President Harding** ..... Cabin No. **C-109-F**  
 In Cabin with **Mrs. Edith L. Ray C-109-E & Mrs. Mattie A. Rugg C-109-C**  
 Hotel **Mc Alpin** ..... Room No. **1546**  
 Roomed with **Alone** .....

DEPARTURE NEW YORK

**New England SS Co - Pier 14 - North River - Boat "Priscilla"**  
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REMARKS

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(O Eastbound)

NAME *Mrs. Mary B. Conover* .....ADDRESS *RFD #1, Newport, R. I.* .....DATE *July 8 '78* .....

TO:                   Officer-In-Charge,  
                          PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS

I beg to inform you that I have returned to my  
home safely and in good health.

Sincerely,

(Signed) .....

*Mary B. Conover* .....

WAR DEPARTMENT

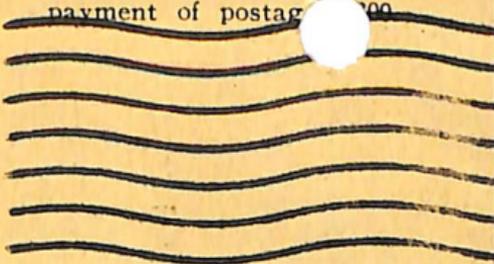
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**PILGRIMAGE, WAR MOTHERS AND WIDOWS**

**225 WEST 34TH STREET,**

**NEW YORK, N. Y.**

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# MEDICAL RECORD

Party: B-27

WASHINGTON  
S. S. HARDING

Eastbound  
Westbound

Name Conover, Mrs. Mary B. (James P.) To be accompanied by son - Lt. Com. James P. Conover, Jr.

Home Address RFD #1, Newport, Rhode Island

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Mrs. Herbert Henriques, (Daughter)  
284 Madeline Drive, Pasadena, Calif.

Religion Age 61 - M

History of present complaint: ~~Pink Sheet Paper~~

INSTRUCTIONS: This card will be prepared for each Pilgrim treated on ship, east or west bound. Cards to be included in report of Liaison Officer upon return to New York.

*Diagnosis and complications: (include dates)*

*Treatment and Progress: (include dates)*

*Disposition: (include dates)*

*Remarks:*

Party B

# MEDICAL RECORD

Som Cmty

Nurse L. Judy

Station : Hotel Lutetia, Paris

Date : June 14, 1933.

Name Conover, Mrs. Mary B. (Jas.P.)

Home address ~~401 E. Westminster Ave., Lake Forest, Lake County, Ill.~~  
RFD #1, Newport, Newport Co. RHODE ISLAND.

Address of Nearest friend or relative Mrs. Herbert Henrighed (daughter)

284 Madeline Drive Pasadena Calif. - accp. by son Lt. James P  
Conover.

Religion Protestant

Age 61

History of Present complaint : June 14, No complaints.  
June 20th, No complaints.

**INSTRUCTIONS.** — This card will be started in all cases of Pilgrims requiring medical attention by the Medical Officer or Nurse first rendering such attention. Subsequently it will be carried by the nurse in attendance upon the group to which the Pilgrim is assigned. All Medical Officers rendering any assistance in the case will make an appropriate entry which will include date, time and signature. Upon final disposition of the case the Nurse in charge will deliver the card to the Office of the Chief Surgeon. Pilgrims sent to the American Hospital will be accompanied by this card properly completed, which will be authority for admission, in which case a duplicate card will be made and sent without delay to the office of the Chief Surgeon.

(over)

Diagnosis and complications : (*include dates*)

Treatment and Progress : (*include dates*)

Disposition : (*include dates*)

Remarks : June 20th, left party for London.

OBB.

Party B

# MEDICAL RECORD

Som Cnty

Nurse *Lee Judy*

Station: *Hotel Lutetia - Paris*

Date: *June 14 - 33*

Name Conover, Mrs. Mary B (Jas.P.)

Home address ~~401 E. Westminster Ave., Lake Forest, Lake County, Ill.~~  
RFD #1, Newport, Newport Co. RHODE ISLAND.

Address of Nearest friend or relative *Mrs Herbert Henriques - daughter -*

*284 Madeline Drive - Pasadena, Calif. - accomp. by Sen. James P. Cramer.*

Religion *Prot.* Age 61

History of Present complaint: *June 14 - No complaint.*

*June 20<sup>th</sup> - No complaints*

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(over)

Diagnosis and complications : (include dates)

Treatment and Progress : (include dates)

Disposition : (include dates)

Remarks : June 20<sup>th</sup> left party for London.  
To rejoin at Southampton. F

OBB

QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Som)

September 18, 1933.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Mrs. Conover:

I am in receipt of the letter of July 2nd wherein you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the S. S. Washington, June 7th, express your appreciation for the pilgrimage you made to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory, and that the officers of the Army and the nurses rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

With sincere appreciation of your complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Very truly yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

RM

RES

RTE

Wash  
6-7-33  
Som

Corover, Richard S.

I accept by letter 2-5-33  
(Accept or decline) the invitation extended

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of  
the Government of the United States under the pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary B. Corover  
(Name)

401 E. Westminster Ave. Lake Forest, Ill.  
(Town or City) (State)

Lake Co.

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Boonover, Richard S.

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RETURN RECEIPT

S. S. Washington 6-7-33

Received from the Postmaster the Registered or Insured Article, the original number of which appears on the face of this Card.

Wm. May B. Coover

(Signature or name of addressee.)

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(Signature of addressee's agent.)

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Wm. W. B. Conover

(Signature or name of addressee.)

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Conover, Richard S.

EXCERPT FROM CHRONOLOGICAL REPORT - Party "B" - 1953

PILGRIMS REMAINING IN EUROPE AT OWN EXPENSE

Mrs. Julia Hodassi, Oise-Aisne Group, accompanied by her husband, Mr. J. Hodassi, left the party June 17, for an indefinite stay in Hungary.

Mrs. Nancy P. Marsh, Meuse-Argonne Group, Mrs. Martha F. Paul, Aisne-Marne Group, and Mrs. Carrie R. Thomas, Aisne-Marne Group accompanied by her husband, Mr. Thomas, left the party at Southampton on June 29, for visits in England.

SIDE TRIPS- The following pilgrims of Party "B" made side trips at their own expense:

~~Mrs. Mary B. Conover~~, Somme Group, accompanied by her son Lieut. Commander J. P. Conover, left party June 20, for trip to England. Rejoined party at Southampton for return to New York.

Mrs. Catherine Wedlake, Meuse-Argonne Group, left party June 24, for trip to England. Rejoined party at Southampton for return to N.Y.

Mrs. Helen F. Verder, Oise-Aisne Group, left party June 27, for trip to England. Rejoined party at Southampton for return to N.Y.

Mrs. John Neu, Aisne-Marne Group, left party June 25, for side trip to Luxembourg, rejoining in Paris, June 28.

Mrs. Mary Louise Kubli, Somme Group, left Party June 24, for side trip to Nancy, France. Rejoined in Paris on June 25, and then left party June 26 for trip to Belgium, rejoining in Paris on June 28.

Mrs. Mary M. Sumner, Aisne-Marne Group, left party June 24, for side trip to Clermont Ferrand, France, rejoining in Paris June 28.

Conover, Richard S.

EXCERPT FROM NARRATIVE REPORT - PARTY "B" June 7, 1933

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PASSPORTS

Passports were obtained in New York City for Mrs. Mary R. Eames of Los Angeles, California and Mrs. Elizabeth Wesberry of Woodville, Mississippi.

PILGRIMAGE BADGES

Badge #2861 was given to Mrs. Mary B. Conover of Newport, R.I. in exchange for badge #6615 which was broken.

Badge #3089 was furnished Mrs. Amelia Revord of Powers, Michigan in exchange for badge #6607 which was broken.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Som)

May 23, 1933

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #1,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation to New York City on your pilgrimage to the American Cemeteries in Europe. One week before your departure the railroad ticket agent, of the first road shown below, will deliver your railroad and pullman ticket to you. Your route to New York will be as follows:

Lv. Newport	NE S.S. Co.	8:00 PM (EST)	June 5
Ar. New York (Pier 14, N.R.)	"	6:00 AM "	" 8

Accommodations: Stateroom from Newport, R. I. to New York, N. Y.

All railroad employees have been instructed by their officials to see that you are shown every courtesy and given assistance, particularly at points where it is necessary to change cars.

Should you not receive your ticket six days before the date shown for your departure please take up at once with the ticket agent and if he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office, collect, to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M

May 15, 1933

Conover, Richard S. (Son)

Mrs. Mary B. Conover  
RFD #1  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed Check No. 178,370 in the amount of \$ 3.75 , to pay for your meals and incidental expenses from your home to New York on the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST THIS CHECK BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED.

If for any reason, you are not able to sail on the date mentioned in your invitation, the check must be returned to this office immediately.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
Check No.

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

May 11, 1933

Conover, Richard S. (Som)

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #1,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

With reference to previous correspondence on this subject, you are informed that your passport has been received and will be delivered to you aboard ship.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Son)

May 4, 1933

Mrs. Jas. P. Conover,  
RFD 1,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 3rd, advising that your son will accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard S. Conover, and requesting that you be permitted to leave the party at Plymouth, rejoining your group in Paris prior to returning to the United States.

It is regretted to advise such arrangements cannot be made. It will be necessary for you to accompany your group to the cemetery, after which time you could be free to visit England if desired. The plans provide for your arrival in Paris on June 14th, where you will remain until June 18th, at which time you will depart for the Sonne American Cemetery to visit the grave of your son. On June 22nd, you would return to Paris and if you and your son then desire to visit friends in England, such arrangements could be made, provided you rejoined your group to return to the United States on the President Harding, sailing June 29th.

Under the law, none of the expense of your journey from your home to Europe and return can be paid by the Government unless you visit the grave of your son with your party. While I appreciate your desire to make an independent pilgrimage with your son, you will understand that this office has no alternative other than to be governed by the law authorizing the pilgrimage. It is believed you will have ample opportunity to visit your friends in England. It is suggested you take the matter up with the Officer in Charge, Mothers & Widows Pilgrimage, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, upon your arrival there. You understand of course that all expense incident to your trip to England, including the British visa, must be paid from personal funds.

Should your daughter arrange to sail on the Washington, it is requested this office be advised promptly. It is suggested when making reservation she advise the Roosevelt Steamship Company that she desires accommodations similar to those provided for you as she desires to accompany you on the journey.

*Copy to Europe ✓*

QM 295 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Son)

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Upon receipt of advice that your daughter is accompanying you, arrangements will be made for you to share the hotel rooms in New York and Paris and the cabins aboard the vessels.

Copy of letter of February 2, 1935, granting leave to your son, Lt. Cmdr. James P. Conover, Jr., in order that he may accompany you on the pilgrimage, is returned herewith.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl:  
Copy lt.  
bb

Q. W. 293 A - M. Cooperstown - New York.  
Conover Richard S.  
(Son)

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Quarter Master General . accepts board  
June 7  
Son accompanying noted

Dear Sir;

Enclosed you will find a copy  
of my son's leave. He proposes going  
on the trip with us, and as I  
shall be in his care, we are very  
anxious to learn the S.S. Washington  
when it touches at England, on the way  
over, so that we may spend one week  
there, as we have relatives we want  
to see in London, then we should like  
to go to France for the second week,  
sailing for home on the steamer I  
should take if I stayed all the

time with the Gold Star Mothers -  
I know, of course, that I should leave  
to bear all the expenses of being on  
the other side, staying in Paris  
and visiting my son Richard's  
grave. There is a chance of my  
daughter and her husband going over  
on the steamer with us, in that  
case she and I would like to  
share a stateroom. I am stopping  
here on my way down to Newport.  
So please answer this to my home  
address. Yours very truly

Mary B. Corover -

R. F. S 1. Newport:

Rhode Island.

P. S.

My photographs + passport. have been sent  
from Chicago - I don't want to stop over  
any where in this country -



Circuit Court  
Franklin,  
Ill.

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Conover, Richard S. (Som)  
Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
~~401 East Westminster Ave.,~~  
~~Lake Forest, Lake Co., Ill.~~  
June 7th, Washington

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find the name,  
address, and relationship to me, of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I become  
seriously ill or other emergency arises while I am making  
the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by the Act of Congress  
approved March 2, 1929.

Mr. Herbert Henriquez  
Name  
284 Madeline Drive Pasadena Cal.  
Address  
Oldest daughter  
Relationship

Very truly yours,



*noted*  
Mary B. Conover  
Your name

R.F.S. 1 Newport Rhode Island  
Your address

QM 293 AM  
Conovdr, Richard S. (Scm)

April 20, 1933

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
401 E. Westminster Avenue,  
Lake Forest, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the Somme American Cemetery in Europe has not as yet been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Waukegan, Ill., taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  x  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size.
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have.
3. Someone who has known you for at least two years for the purpose of identifying you.

The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the State Department, Washington, D.C. Your passport will be delivered to you aboard the ship. No charge will be made for either the application or the passport. ②

Please advise this office at once if you have made application, stating the name given by you on the application. If conditions have arisen that will prevent your making the pilgrimage on June 7, it is requested that this office be advised in order that the reservations made for you may be cancelled.

A self-addressed envelope that requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

LM 1 Encl.  
Envelope

Quincy, Ill. 636  
401 East Westminster Ave.  
Lake Forest.

W. Mary B. Coover Illinois  
accept Wash  
June 7-1933

accepts with pleasure the  
Reid invitation from the  
United States Government,  
to make a pilgrimage  
to Europe to visit her  
Son's Grave. on June 7<sup>th</sup>  
on Steamship Washington.  
Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

Address

W. James P. Crookes.  
401 Post Westminster Ave.  
Lake Forest, Illinois.



Sevia

Conovan, Richard S.

5-17-32 ✓

Born

Declined by letter 4/14

I ~~Cancelled - no reply~~ the invitation extended

Accept or decline

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

1933

Mrs. Mary B (Jas. P.) Conovan  
Indian Ave. - P. O. Box 35 - Newport

~~R 72 # 2 St Mary's Rectory~~

Town or City

State

Newport R.I.  
Newport Co.

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QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Som)

May 27, 1932

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
Indian Avenue, P. O. Box 135,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of April 14, 1932, in which you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard S. Conover, this summer.

A reply to this letter was forwarded you at Coopers- town, New York, under date of April 22nd, but was recently returned to this office unclaimed.

It is deeply regretted that your health would not permit you to sail May 17th on the LEVIATHAN to visit your son's grave, and it is sincerely hoped you will improve rapidly. You will be communicated with again relative to your desire to make the journey when pilgrimages are being arranged for 1933, which is the last year for which they are authorized.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. Should you make the trip you are assured that everything possible will be done to make your journey comfortable and satisfactory.

It is requested that you advise whether or not the above is your correct and permanent address, in order that there may be no difficulty in communicating with you next year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Cooperstown. New York. Listed in R.D.

April 14<sup>th</sup>

Captain A. S. Hughes. Decline  
 Dear Sir: <sup>in many</sup> <sup>visited</sup> <sup>for his</sup> <sup>5-17-32</sup> <sup>Cooperstown</sup> <sup>to be</sup> <sup>permanent</sup> <sup>address</sup>  
 In reference to G. W. 293 A. M.  
 My son Richard S. Connor, I am  
 very much distressed and ashamed  
 that you had no reply to the  
 cable you sent about my  
 sailing on the Leviathan, I was  
 leaving Pasadena when it reached  
 me, and had asked my daughter

to answer it for me, being very  
pressed for time. I had to give  
up the trip on account of my  
health, it seemed impossible for  
me to go alone, now I shall  
look forward to taking the  
trip in 1933 -

Please forgive me for being so  
late, I suppose my daughter  
just forgot to send the telegram.  
 Hoping I shall be able to go  
in May of next year

I am, very truly yours

Mary B. Colburn .

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1932.

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Som)

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
~~Cooperstown, New York~~

Dear Madam:

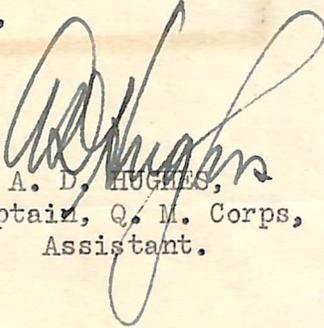
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 14th advising that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage this summer to visit the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard S. Conover.

You will be communicated with when pilgrimages are being arranged for next year, and it is sincerely hoped that your health will improve and that you will make the journey at that time as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

It will be appreciated if you will advise this office as to whether or not Cooperstown, New York, will be your permanent address.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

  
A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

*Please write her  
at Indian Ave - PO Box 135  
Newport - R. I.  
ask if that is the  
address she wishes us to  
use for 1933.*

*WZD*

*Call  
V B  
Indian Ave  
PO Box 135  
Newport, R. I.*

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON D. C.

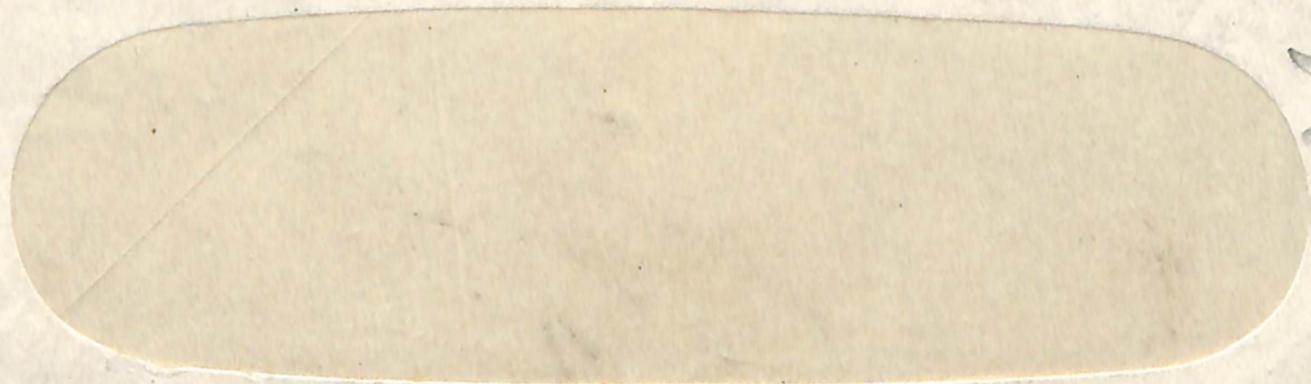
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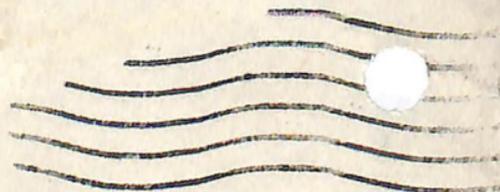
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Conover, Richard S. Cpl. Machine Gun Co. 18Inf. Rhode Island

Mother - Mary B. Conover - ~~Cooperstown, N.Y.~~

town 7-21-68

get a later address

Indian Arc - P-O-Box 135  
Newport - R-I-

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QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S(Son) M

March 29, 1932.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #2, St. Mary's Rectory,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your telegram of February 24, 1932, in which you advised that it was impossible for you to decide prior to March 10th as to whether or not you would sail May 17th on the LEVIATHAN to visit the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard S. Conover.

To date this office has received no word from you relative to your decision in the matter, and in view thereof it has been necessary to cancel the reservation made for you on the LEVIATHAN sailing May 17th.

Should you desire to make a pilgrimage at a later date during the summer months, it is requested you advise this office to that effect. Otherwise, you will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for next year, and it is hoped that you will accept the invitation to sail at that time as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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3/28/32

Send

Cancellation letter

Levi 5-17-32

no word on mar 10th

No reply to telegram

Washington, D. C., March 12, 1932

MRS. MARY B. CONOVER,  
RFD #2, ST. MARY'S RECTORY,  
NEWPORT, R. I.

TELEGRAPH COLLECT WHETHER OR NOT YOU DESIRE TO SAIL ON

LEVIATHAN MAY SEVENTEEN 41036SM

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DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Conover, Richard S. (Son)  
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QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Som)

February 26, 1932.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #2, St. Mary's Rectory,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of February 24th advising that you are unable to decide as to whether or not you will accept the invitation of the Government to sail May 17th on the LEVIETHAN before March 10th.

This is entirely satisfactory with this office. However, it will be appreciated if you communicate with us at that time relative to your decision.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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*Case*

# Signal Corps, United States Army

Received at

War Department Message Center,  
Room 3441, Munitions Building,  
Washington, D. C.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

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ANSWERING YOURS GSM 4072 DECISION IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE MARCH  
TENTH=

MARY B CONOVER.

293

*Conover - Richards*

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5-17-32*

RECORD ATTACHED

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Washington, D. C., Feb. 23, 1932

MRS. MARY E. CONOVER,  
RFD #2, ST. MARY'S RECTORY,  
NEWPORT, R. I.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY SEVENTEEN NOT RECEIVED

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 40720SM

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DEWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

ON 293 A-M Conover, Richard S. (Son.) H  
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Washington, D. C., Feb. 23, 1932

MRS. MARY B. CONOVER,  
RFD #2, ST. MARY'S RECTORY,  
NEWPORT, R. I.

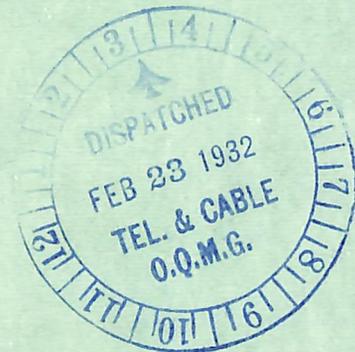
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DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 40726SM

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Conover, Richard S. (Son.) H  
vd



QM 293 A-M

Conover, Richard S. (Son.) M

Feb. 15, 1932

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #2, St Mary's Rectory,  
Dear Madam, I.

vd

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended, sailing on the LIVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation, signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before March 5, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Son)

May 14, 1931

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #2, St. Mary's Rectory,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of May 9th, advising that you are unable to sail on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT June 24th, 1931, to visit the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard S. Conover.

It is regretted that you are unable to make the journey at this time. Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to visit the cemeteries of Europe in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

KL  
ETK

Mrs Conover (Somme)  
declined Wash May 6

wants to go soon after June 15, if  
son can get his vacation then.  
(Also wants granddaughter to go.)

If son cannot get leave, then she  
requests Aug 12. No group to  
Somme. cannot send Aug 12.

How about Roosevelt June 24? <sup>?</sup>  
KPB.

Capt # June 24 -  
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Eal  
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4/15/31  
Invitation  
mailed for  
Roosevelt  
June 24 -

Roosevelt

Conover, Richard S.

6-24-3 ✓

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I Decline by wire 5-9-31 the invitation extended  
(Accept or decline)

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of  
the Government of the United States under the pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover  
(Name)

1932

R 7 D 2, St. Mary's Rectory, Newport, R. I.  
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Newport Co.

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Q M 293 A-M, OFFICE OF QM GENERAL:

=WAR DEPT WASHINGTON DC=

=GREATLY REGRET CANNOT SAIL ON THAT DATE=

=MARY B CONOVEC.

1001AM.

293  
Conover - Richard S.

11:15 am  
5/9/31  
MAB

Decline Roosevelt  
June 24  
Listed for 1932

RECORD ATTACHED



Washington, D. C., May 8, 1931

MRS. MARY B. CONOVER,  
RFD #2, ST. MARY'S RECTORY,  
NEWPORT, R. I.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL JUNE TWENTY FOUR NOT RECEIVED

DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2916GSM

ADH

DeWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

QM 293 A-M Conover, Richard S. (Som.) M

QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard (Som)

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April 15, 1931

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
R. F. D. #2,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 7th, relative to your desire to sail sometime after June 15th to visit the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard Conover.

Accordingly, a formal invitation to sail on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT June 24th has been forwarded you. Mothers and widows making the pilgrimage are assigned to parties according to states and destinations. There are no women scheduled to visit the Somme Cemetery, where the remains of your son are interred, on August 12th. It is therefore regretted to advise that it would be impracticable to arrange for you to make the journey at that time.

Please be advised there is no provision of law which would permit the Government to bear any part of the expense of anyone accompanying you, to provide them with medical attention or assume any responsibility for them.

Arrangements can be made to quarter your granddaughter with you at the same hotels in New York and Paris and in the same cabin aboard ship, and to travel on the same train with you from Cherbourg to Paris, all of this, of course, at personal expense. Transportation to and from the cemeteries and sight-seeing trips in and around Paris are accomplished by busses which are chartered by the Government for official use only and it would not be possible for this office to authorize transportation of your granddaughter in these busses.

Should your son and granddaughter desire to accompany you at personal expense, the United States Lines, 45 Broadway, New York City, will furnish complete information as to steamship fares and reservations. It is understood the American Express Company, 1414 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C., is prepared to make arrangements for transportation and hotel accommodations in Europe, and is arranging trips which will parallel the routes to be followed in

April 15, 1951

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Europe by the mothers and widows so that they will arrive at various points in the itinerary at approximately the same time.

In the event your son and granddaughter arrange to make the journey with you, it is requested that this office be notified, in order that quarters may be arranged.

Please be advised that it would be impracticable to arrange for you to leave your party immediately upon your arrival in Europe, in order to travel with your son and granddaughter. The itinerary planned for the mothers and widows sailing June 24th provides for a three day stay in Paris before departure for the Semateries, where they will spend five ~~days~~. After you have visited the Somme Cemetery, where the remains of your son are interred, arrangements could be made for you to leave your party and travel in Europe for a few days, provided you return in time to sail with the group with whom you make the trip. It must be understood, however, that any side trips you might take while in Europe must be at your own expense.

The passport of each mother and widow making the journey is limited to the duration of the pilgrimage and no extensions of time can be granted. Under the law, no mother or widow can be provided for in Europe at Government expense for a period of more than two weeks, except in cases of severe illness. The Government can bear no part of the return transportation of a woman who willfully leaves her party and does not return to the United States on the scheduled date.

Should you desire to travel in Europe after you have visited the grave of the late Corporal Conover, it is suggested that you take the matter up with the Officer in Charge, Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, upon your arrival in Paris. This officer will be glad to aid you in any way possible to arrange for your transportation to and from any point you may desire to visit.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR BELOW,  
AND MAIL THIS LETTER PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED  
ENVELOPE WHICH REQUIRES NO POSTAGE.

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Conover, Mrs. Mary B.  
R.F.D. #2, St. Mary's Rectory, Newport  
Newport Co., R. I.  
293 Conover, Richard S. - Cpl 636 M

Quartermaster General,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In the blank space below you will find  
the name and address of the person in the United  
States whom I desire to be notified in case I be-  
come seriously ill or other emergency arises while  
I am making the pilgrimage to Europe authorized by  
the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Rev. James P. Conover  
Name

R. F. D. 2 Newport Rhode Island  
Address

Very truly yours, Mary B. Conover

(Your name)

(Your address) R. F. D. 2

Newport Rhode Island



April 7<sup>th</sup>

The Quartermaster General.  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have delayed writing, because of a recent death in my family, have been unable to make any plans about going to France, I wrote to you in March asking if it would be possible to go in June, instead of in May. There is a chance that my son Lieut. Commandeur J. P. Choussier, U.S.

Could you write me in June, about  
The 15<sup>th</sup> I am writing to ask if  
we could go on the same ship  
and if we could enjoy passage  
on the one sailing as soon as  
possible after the 15<sup>th</sup>, there is a  
chance of my grand daughter aged 13  
going too. please let me know if  
she could share any state room and  
if she could go free. As there is  
great uncertainty about my not being  
able to get so long a leave, and  
be absent. be here until near the  
time. I should like to have an

accommodation, <sup>reserved</sup> for myself, alone, on  
the ship sailing August 12<sup>th</sup> so  
that if I went by myself, I might  
be on the same ship with my  
friend Mr. Charles L. F. Robinson of  
Hartford, Conn. and Newport.

This seems a great deal to ask,  
but I am very anxious to go ahead  
and do not want to lose the  
trip if my son, at the last min-  
ute, should be unable to go.  
I do not know if a child would be  
allowed to go. If I went with my  
son, we should like to leave and

travel by ourselves, paying our own way  
On the other side, simply going and  
returning as guests of the United  
States on the steamer - If otherwise we  
would pay ourselves for his own  
trips both ways - This sounds very  
conjured as I read it over, and  
I hope you will forgive me if  
I am asking too much - If I should  
be able to sail on August 12<sup>th</sup> I should  
like to do what Mr. Robinson will do.

Yours very sincerely

May B. Choate

April 7<sup>th</sup> R. F. D. 2. Newport, R. I.



Mrs. Conover -

declines May 6 -  
May be able to go later -  
"perhaps June".

Possible dates are:

June 3

June 24

July 8

July 16

July 22

What shall we tell her? KPS

Capt. H?

Suggest re-visit her  
& asking her to let me  
know - in view of her  
uncertainty.

Cal  
2/8/31

OK let us know  
any time  
prior to May!  
H

February 24, 1931

QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard Cpl 636 M

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
R. F. D. #2, St. Mary's Rectory,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 12, 1931, declining the invitation to sail on the George Washington May 6, 1931, to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard Conover, and stating that you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date.

It is regretted that you will be unable to make the journey at this time. Pilgrimages are to be made during the months of June and July 1931 on the following dates: June 3, June 24, July 8, July 16 and July 22, 1931. It is requested that you advise this office at your earliest convenience as to whether or not you desire to sail on any of these dates in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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February 12<sup>th</sup> 1913

PEMBROKE,  
BRYN MAWR,  
PA.

To the Quarter Master General  
Dear Sir:

Your telegram has just reached  
me, I am very much distressed  
that the Reid invitation to go  
ahead on May 6<sup>th</sup> was never  
answered. I am afraid it is  
impossible for me to go at that  
time, if it is at all possible  
to change at this late date

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Dover

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I might be able to go on a ship  
sailing in June, but it is very  
uncertain, my going depends on  
other people, and I cannot  
definitely decide anything except  
that I am unable to go in May.

Yours very truly

Mary B. Crover.

My address

W. James P. Crover  
R. F. D. 2. Newport. R. I.

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~~Wash~~

May 6 - 1931 ✓

Conover, Richard  
S.

I Decline - To go later -  
(Accept or decline) the invitation extended

me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of  
the Government of the United States under the pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Conover, Mrs. Mary B -  
(Name)

Rt # 2 - St. Mary's Rectory -  
(Town or City) (State)

Newport R. I.

Washington, D. C., February 10, 1931

MRS. MARY B. CONOVER  
RFD # 2 ST. MARY'S RECTORY  
NEWPORT, R. I.

REPLY TO INVITATION MAILED YOU TO SAIL MAY SIXTH NOT RECEIVED STOP  
DO YOU ACCEPT OR DECLINE WIRE ANSWER 2567GSM

DeWITT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

ON 293 A-M Conover, Richard S. 636-N

A.D.H.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Conover, Richard 636-M

January 27, 1931

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #2, St. Mary's Rectory,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on May 6, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before February 17, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-C

Conover, Richard S.

March 14, 1930.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
St. Mary's Rectory,  
R. F. D. #2,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 6, 1930, declining the invitation to make the European pilgrimage during the current year.

The records have been changed to indicate that it is your wish to make the passage in 1931, and you will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for the pilgrimage during that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

VB:MB

636 Conover, Richard S.  
Cpl. M. Co. 15th Inf.

ST. MARY'S RECTORY  
R. F. D. 2  
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

H  
March 6<sup>th</sup>

Card punched

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Dear Sir:

I most deeply regret that I cannot accept the Reed invitation from the Government of the United States, for this year, on account of serious illness in my family. I should be very glad as I have already written to go in May 1931 - if for any

reason they are not to continue  
until next year, please let  
me know.

With most grateful thanks  
and deep appreciation for the  
generous offer

Very sincerely yours

Wray B. Conover.



Conover, Richard S.  
 Cpl M B Co 10th Inf.

Handing May 14

I decline for 1930  
 (Accept or decline)

the invitation extended  
 me to make a pilgrimage to Europe at the expense of the  
 Government of the United States under the provisions of  
 the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover

(Name)

R. #2. St. Mary's Rectory, Newport, Rhode Island

(Town or City)

(State)

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 1931

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QM 295 A-C  
Conover, Richard S.

November 6, 1929.

Mrs. James P. Conover,  
St. Marys Rectory,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to letter of this office of July 29, 1929, in which you were advised that plans had not progressed far enough to give you definite information relative to the granting of a stop-over during the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

With regard to your making an extended visit in France, please be advised that it has been held that, except in unavoidable cases, there is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (d) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage or to grant requests of individuals to leave the groups to which assigned.

Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for other than unavoidable reasons an extension of time or variation in the itinerary can be granted such extensions and variations only upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage after leaving the group, including the return transportation to their homes, will be borne by the individuals concerned.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Conover, Richard S 636 -M

October 7, 1929.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
R. F. D. #2, St. Mary's Rect.,  
Newport, R. I.

*Declined invitation  
5-14-30  
Card furnished  
May 1931*

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

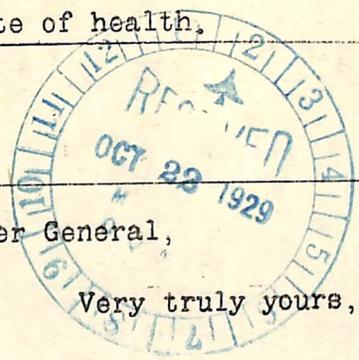
1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes) <input type="checkbox"/> (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	<i>I should like to make it in <del>1930</del> <sup>May</sup> <del>1931</del> <sup>1931</sup>.</i>
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	<del>(Yes)</del> (No) <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age <u>61</u> Health (Years) (Good) <del>(Poor)</del>
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) <input type="checkbox"/> (No) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other language <u>French (a little)</u> (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

*John T. Harris*  
JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Encl.  
Act  
Envelope



QM 295 A-C  
Conover, Richard S.

July 29, 1929.

Mrs. James P. Conover,  
St. Marys Rectory,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 21, 1929, wherein you make inquiry concerning the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe.

It is regretted to advise you that it will not be possible to permit your husband to accompany you to Europe when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son. It is necessary that the groups be limited to the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimage is authorized, due to the limited facilities for the accommodation of tourists available in the small towns adjoining the American cemeteries in Europe.

Plans for the pilgrimage have not progressed far enough to enable this office to give you a definite answer relative to your request for a stop over. However, you may be assured that The Quartermaster General will be as liberal in granting requests of this nature as conditions permit. Just as soon as a definite answer can be given you will be advised.

Within a reasonable time you will be furnished the necessary blanks on which to make formal application for the journey. Space will be provided on these blanks for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes,  
Capt., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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VP

May 21<sup>2</sup>

MRS. JAMES P. CONOVER  
ST. MARYS RECTORY  
NEWPORT  
RHODE ISLAND

To the Quartermaster General:

Dear Sir:

Your very kind and generous offer has been most gratefully received. I have not been able so far, to visit my son's grave, in France, he was unburied. My husband would like to accompany me, and we should like to go in May 1930 - or at the end of August of the same year - we have both been to France

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Conover

MRS. JAMES P. CONOVER  
ST. MARYS RECTORY  
NEWPORT  
RHODE ISLAND

before, I went in 1888, and again  
in 1901 - My husband was  
a Red Cross Captain, living in Brest  
for nearly a year in 1918-19, he is  
most anxious to go there again. So I  
am writing to ask, if it is possible  
for us to travel by ourselves after  
leaving the steamer, if I pay my  
own expenses, and to stay there  
4 weeks instead of 2.

I cannot express my gratitude to the  
U.S. Government, to have this opportunity  
means very much to me.

Yours very truly

May B. Conover

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MAY 22 1921  
U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Som)

September 18, 1933.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
R. F. D. #1,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Mrs. Conover:

I am in receipt of the letter of July 2nd wherein you and the other mothers and widows who sailed on the S. S. Washington, June 7th, express your appreciation for the pilgrimage you made to the cemeteries of Europe.

It is gratifying to know that your trip was entirely satisfactory, and that the officers of the Army and the nurses rendered such courteous and efficient service. The Quartermaster Corps is proud of the honor bestowed upon it by being charged with the conduct of these pilgrimages, and has expended every effort that those making the journey might have a comfortable and pleasant trip. I feel, however, that the task was materially lightened by the wonderful spirit of cooperation and consideration shown by the mothers and widows.

With sincere appreciation of your complimentary remarks regarding the conduct of the pilgrimage, I am

Very truly yours,

J. L. DeWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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RM  
1933 SEP - 19 - AM 10:17

OQMG M&R BR

*RM*  
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RTE



May 13, 1933

Maj. Gen. Frank Parker  
Hdgrs. 6th Corps Area  
1819 W. Pershing Road,  
Chicago, Illinois

RETEL TWELFTH LAW WILL NOT PERMIT INDEPENDENT PILGRIMAGE STOP

LETTER FOLLOWS GSM 4519

DEWITT  
The Quartermaster General  
JHL

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QM 295 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Sen)  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM TO

Col. Laubach =

Please prepare  
reply for Gen Parker  
stating that request  
cannot be granted  
under law etc.

Wg.

## Signal Corps, United States Army

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Washington, D. C.

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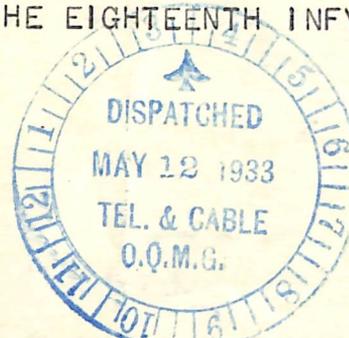
CHICAGO ILLINOIS 1213P MAY 12 1933

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN L DEWITT

QM GENERAL, WASHINGTON D C

REFERENCE YOUR FILE QM TWO NINE THREE A DASH AM CONOVER COMMA RICHARD  
S MAY FOURTH NINETEEN THIRTY THREE COMMA I REQUEST THAT IN VIEW OF  
MRS CONOVER BEING ACCOMPANIED BY HER SON LT COMMANDER CONOVER OF THE  
NAVY THAT SHE BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN ENGLAND TO VISIT RELATIVES. AND  
TO REJOIN THE PARTY IN A DAY OR TWO IN PARIS IN TIME FOR THE VISITS  
TO THE CEMETERIES STOP MRS CONOVER WOULD PREFER TO VISIT HER SONS GRAVE  
WITH HER LIVING SON AND TO BE INDEPENDENT OF THE GENERAL PARTY WHILE IN  
FRANCE REJOINING AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. FOR THE RETURN STOP AS SHE  
IS IN THE CARE OF HER SON THIS PLAN WOULD ASSURE HERE GREATER COMFORT  
AND HAPPINESS STOP I ASK THAT YOU APPROVE STOP PLEASE RADIO ME STOP  
CORPORAL CONOVER WAS A MEMBER OF MY REGIMENT THE EIGHTEENTH INFY AT  
THE TIME OF HIS DEATH

FRANK PARKER 123PM



RECORD ATTACHED

293  
Conover -  
Richard S.

QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Son)

May 13, 1933

Major General Frank Parker,  
Hdqs., 6th Corps Area,  
1819 W. Pershing Road,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear General Parker:

I have your telegram of May 12th, requesting that Mrs. James P. Conover be permitted to disembark in England and make an independent pilgrimage to the grave of her son, the late Corporal Richard S. Conover, inasmuch as her son, Lt. Commander Conover will accompany her.

The law authorizing the pilgrimage specifies that the pilgrimages shall be made in groups and that the Government shall not be responsible for any expense for a mother or widow who leaves the group. Should Mrs. Conover disembark in England therefore, she could not be furnished return transportation to the United States or to her home.

The schedule for her group while in France provides for their return to Paris from the cemetery on June 23rd, to remain until sailing on June 29th. Should Mrs. Conover and her son desire to visit England during this interim, there would be no objection, and she could join her group to return on the President Harding, June 29th.

I appreciate the fact that Mrs. Conover will be in the care of her son, and am indeed sorry that under the law the accommodation you request cannot be granted. Hoping that the visit to England, after visiting the grave of her son in the Same American Cemetery, will be satisfactory, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. L. DEWITT,  
Major General,  
The Quartermaster General.

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Conover, Richard S. (Son)

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Upon receipt of advice that your daughter is accompanying you, arrangements will be made for you to share the hotel rooms in New York and Paris and the cabins aboard the vessels.

Copy of letter of February 2, 1933, granting leave to your son, Lt. Cmdr. James P. Conover, Jr., in order that he may accompany you on the pilgrimage, is returned herewith.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Col., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Son)

May 4, 1933

Mrs. Jas. P. Conover,  
RFD 1,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 3rd, advising that your son will accompany you on the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard S. Conover, and requesting that you be permitted to leave the party at Plymouth, rejoining your group in Paris prior to returning to the United States.

It is regretted to advise such arrangements cannot be made. It will be necessary for you to accompany your group to the cemetery, after which time you could be free to visit England if desired. The plans provide for your arrival in Paris on June 14th, where you will remain until June 18th, at which time you will depart for the Somme American Cemetery to visit the grave of your son. On June 22nd, you would return to Paris and if you and your son then desire to visit friends in England, such arrangements could be made, provided you rejoined your group to return to the United States on the President Harding, sailing June 29th.

Under the law, none of the expense of your journey from your home to Europe and return can be paid by the Government unless you visit the grave of your son with your party. While I appreciate your desire to make an independent pilgrimage with your son, you will understand that this office has no alternative other than to be governed by the law authorizing the pilgrimage. It is believed you will have ample opportunity to visit your friends in England. It is suggested you take the matter up with the Officer in Charge, Mothers & Widows Pilgrimage, 20 rue Molitor, Paris, upon your arrival there. You understand of course that all expense incident to your trip to England, including the British visa, must be paid from personal funds.

Should your daughter arrange to sail on the Washington, it is requested this office be advised promptly. It is suggested when making reservation she advise the Roosevelt Steamship Company that she desires accommodations similar to those provided for you as she desires to accompany you on the journey.

QM 293 AM  
Conover, Richard S. (Som)

April 20, 1933

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
401 E. Westminster Avenue,  
Lake Forest, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Your passport for the pilgrimage to the Somme American Cemetery in Europe has not as yet been received in this office.

You must have a passport to enter Europe. Please go at once to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Waukegan, Ill., taking with you:

1. Four (4) photographs of yourself made on thin paper not more than 3 x 3 inches in less than  $2\frac{1}{2}$  x  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in size.
2. Your invitation and any evidence of citizenship you may have.
3. Someone who has known you for at least two years for the purpose of identifying you.

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The Clerk will help you fill out the application and HE will forward it to the State Department, Washington, D.C. Your passport will be delivered to you aboard the ship. No charge will be made for either the application or the passport.

Please advise this office at once if you have made application, stating the name given by you on the application. If conditions have arisen that will prevent your making the pilgrimage on June 7, it is requested that this office be advised in order that the reservations made for you may be cancelled.

A self-addressed envelope that requires no postage is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. W. DIETZ,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-M

Conover, Richard S. S.N. 45659  
Cpl., MG Co., 18th Inf.,  
Son

April 20, 1933

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
401 E. Westminster Ave.,  
Lake Forest, Ill.

Dear Madam:

In compliance with your recent request,  
instructions have been issued to forward you a  
flag in honor of the above named decedent, pro-  
vided a flag has not previously been furnished  
for him.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JAS. H. LAUBACH,  
Lt. Colonel, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Copy to Commanding Officer, Washington, Q. M. Depot.  
With instructions to furnish flag.

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April 15-1933

Illinois Chapter  
American War Mothers

War Department  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir

I am writing at the request of  
Mrs Mary B Conover-401 E Westminster ave Lake Forest  
she is a Gold Star mother and sails for France <sup>see</sup>  
June 7<sup>th</sup> to visit the grave of her son.

Richard S Conover who was killed May  
27<sup>th</sup>. she failed to write the year. she  
would be so pleased to receive a flag  
in honor of her son.

If possible could she have the flag  
before she sails

Thanking you for all past favors



Sincerely & Loyally.  
Mrs Julia Buzgus  
State President  
1222 So Cherry St  
Centralia, Ill

QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Som)

May 27, 1932

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
Indian Avenue, P. O. Box 135,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of April 14, 1932, in which you advise that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard S. Conover, this summer.

A reply to this letter was forwarded you at Coopers-  
town, New York, under date of April 22nd, but was recently  
returned to this office unclaimed.

It is deeply regretted that your health would not per-  
mit you to sail May 17th on the LEVIATHAN to visit your son's  
grave, and it is sincerely hoped you will improve rapidly. You  
will be communicated with again relative to your desire to make  
the journey when pilgrimages are being arranged for 1933, which  
is the last year for which they are authorized.

Properly qualified personnel will be provided to care  
for the comfort and needs of the mothers and widows making the  
pilgrimage, and doctors and nurses will be available. Should  
you make the trip you are assured that everything possible will  
be done to make your journey comfortable and satisfactory.

It is requested that you advise whether or not the  
above is your correct and permanent address, in order that there  
may be no difficulty in communicating with you next year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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April 22, 1932.

QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Son)

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
Cooperstown, New York.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 14th advising that your health will not permit you to make a pilgrimage this summer to visit the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard S. Conover.

You will be communicated with when pilgrimages are being arranged for next year, and it is sincerely hoped that your health will improve and that you will make the journey at that time as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

It will be appreciated if you will advise this office as to whether or not Cooperstown, New York, will be your permanent address.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S (Som) M

March 29, 1932.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #2, St. Mary's Rectory,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your telegram of February 24, 1932, in which you advised that it was impossible for you to decide prior to March 10th as to whether or not you would sail May 17th on the LEVIATHAN to visit the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard S. Conover.

To date this office has received no word from you relative to your decision in the matter, and in view thereof it has been necessary to cancel the reservation made for you on the LEVIATHAN sailing May 17th.

Should you desire to make a pilgrimage at a later date during the summer months, it is requested you advise this office to that effect. Otherwise, you will be communicated with when arrangements are being made for next year, and it is hoped that you will accept the invitation to sail at that time as 1933 is the last year for which pilgrimages are authorized.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Washington, D. C., March 12, 1932

MRS. MARY B. CONOVER,  
RFD #2, ST. MARY'S RECTORY,  
NEWPORT, R. I.

TELEGRAPH COLLECT WHETHER OR NOT YOU DESIRE TO SAIL ON  
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QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Som)

February 26, 1932.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #2, St. Mary's Rectory,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of February 24th advising that you are unable to decide as to whether or not you will accept the invitation of the Government to sail May 17th on the LEVIATHAN before March 10th.

This is entirely satisfactory with this office. However, it will be appreciated if you communicate with us at that time relative to your decision.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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Conover, Richard S. (Son.) M

Feb. 15, 1932

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #2, St Mary's Rectory,  
Dear Madam<sup>3</sup>. I.

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, as amended, sailing on the LIVIATHAN, May 17, 1932.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation, signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office immediately. If you have lost or misplaced the card, please write "Accept" or "Decline" on the bottom of this letter and return it to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before March 5, 1932, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make a pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard S. (Son)

May 14, 1931

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #2, St. Mary's Rectory,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of May 9th, advising that you are unable to sail on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT June 24th, 1931, to visit the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard S. Conover.

It is regretted that you are unable to make the journey at this time. Your name has been placed upon the list of mothers and widows who are eligible to visit the cemeteries of Europe in 1932, and you will be communicated with when the pilgrimages are being arranged for that year.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

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A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293  
Conover, Richard (Son)

April 20, 1931

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Europe by the mothers and widows so that they will arrive at various points in the itinerary at approximately the same time.

In the event your son and granddaughter arrange to make the journey with you, it is requested that this office be notified, in order that quarters may be arranged.

Please be advised that it would be impracticable to arrange for you to leave your party immediately upon your arrival in Europe, in order to travel with your son and granddaughter. The itinerary planned for the mothers and widows sailing June 24th provides for a three day stay in Paris before departure for the Semateries, where they will spend five days. After you have visited the Somme Cemetery, where the remains of your son are interred, arrangements could be made for you to leave your party and travel in Europe for a few days, provided you return in time to sail with the group with whom you make the trip. It must be understood, however, that any side trips you might take while in Europe must be at your own expense.

The passport of each mother and widows making the journey is limited to the duration of the pilgrimage and no extensions of time can be granted. Under the law, no mother or widow can be provided for in Europe at Government expense for a period of more than two weeks, except in cases of severe illness. The Government can bear no part of the return transportation of a woman who willfully leaves her party and does not return to the United States on the scheduled date.

Should you desire to travel in Europe after you have visited the grave of the late Corporal Conover, it is suggested that you take the matter up with the Officer in Charge, Mothers and Widows Pilgrimage, 146 Avenue des Champs Elysees, upon your arrival in Paris. This officer will be glad to aid you in any way possible to arrange for your transportation to and from and point you may desire to visit.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q.M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard (Som)

April <sup>20</sup> 15, 1931

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
R. F. D. #2,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 7th, relative to your desire to sail sometime after June 15th to visit the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard Conover.

Accordingly, a formal invitation to sail on the PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT June 24th has been forwarded you. Mothers and widows making the pilgrimage are assigned to parties according to states and destinations. There are no women scheduled to visit the Somme Cemetery, where the remains of your son are interred, on August 12th. It is therefore regretted to advise that it would be impracticable to arrange for you to make the journey at that time.

Please be advised there is no provision of law which would permit the Government to bear any part of the expense of anyone accompanying you, to provide them with medical attention or assume any responsibility for them.

Arrangements can be made to quarter your granddaughter with you at the same hotels in New York and Paris and in the same cabin aboard ship, and to travel on the same train with you from Cherbourg to Paris, all of this, of course, at personal expense. Transportation to and from the cemeteries and sight-seeing trips in and around Paris are accomplished by busses which are chartered by the Government for official use only and it would not be possible for this office to authorize transportation of your granddaughter in these busses.

Should your son and granddaughter desire to accompany you at personal expense, the United States Lines, 45 Broadway, New York City, will furnish complete information as to steamship fares and reservations. It is understood the American Express Company, 1414 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C., is prepared to make arrangements for transportation and hotel accommodations in Europe, and is arranging trips which will parallel the routes to be followed in

February 24, 1931

QM 293 A-M  
Conover, Richard Cpl 636 M

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
R. F. D. #2, St. Mary's Rectory,  
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 12, 1931, declining the invitation to sail on the George Washington May 6, 1931, to make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son, the late Corporal Richard Conover, and stating that you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date.

It is regretted that you will be unable to make the journey at this time. Pilgrimages are to be made during the months of June and July 1931 on the following dates: June 3, June 24, July 8, July 16 and July 22, 1931. It is requested that you advise this office at your earliest convenience as to whether or not you desire to sail on any of these dates in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for you.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

R. E. SHANNON,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Conover, Richard 638-M

January 27, 1931

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #2, St. Mary's Rectory,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

The records of this office show that you have not accepted or declined the invitation extended you to make a pilgrimage to Europe under the provisions of the Act of March 2, 1929, sailing on the "Washington" on May 6, 1931.

In order that arrangements may be completed for the pilgrimage, it is imperative that you complete the card enclosed with the invitation signifying whether or not you accept the invitation and return the same to this office.

In the event no reply is received from you before February 17, 1931, the invitation will be automatically cancelled.

Should you desire to make the pilgrimage at a later date, it is requested that you advise this office to that effect.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Conover Richard S. 636-M

June 19, 1930.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
RFD #2  
St. Mary's Rectory,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Arrangements are now being made for conducting pilgrimages during the year 1931, to the cemeteries in Europe under the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2, 1929.

To assure proper and satisfactory accommodations, reservations for steamship transportation required during the summer of 1931 must be made by this office not later than August 1st of this year. It is therefore desired that you answer the question below by writing the word "Yes" or "No" in the blank space following the question.

As soon as you have answered the question, please sign your name and return this sheet in the enclosed addressed envelope, which requires no postage. Do not delay, as a prompt reply is essential.

This letter is being sent to all mothers and widows who are not making the pilgrimage in 1930, regardless of whether or not they have expressed a desire to make the pilgrimage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

DO YOU DESIRE TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE DURING THE YEAR 1931? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Write answer here)

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(Sign here)

QM 293 A-C

Conover, Richard S.

March 14, 1930.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
St. Mary's Rectory,  
R. F. D. #2,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of  
March 6, 1930, declining the invitation to make the  
European pilgrimage during the current year.

The records have been changed to indicate  
that it is your wish to make the passage in 1931,  
and you will be communicated with when arrangements  
are being made for the pilgrimage during that year.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C  
Conover, Richard S.

November 6, 1929.

Mrs. James P. Conover,  
St. Marys Rectory,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to letter of this office of July 29, 1929, in which you were advised that plans had not progressed far enough to give you definite information relative to the granting of a stop-over during the pilgrimage authorized by the Act of March 2, 1929.

With regard to your making an extended visit in France, please be advised that it has been held that, except in unavoidable cases, there is no authority of law to extend the time specified in Section 2 (d) of the Act to cover this pilgrimage or to grant requests of individuals to leave the groups to which assigned.

Persons making the pilgrimage and desiring for other than unavoidable reasons an extension of time or variation in the itinerary can be granted such extensions and variations only upon the condition that all further expenses of the pilgrimage after leaving the group, including the return transportation to their homes, will be borne by the individuals concerned.

For The Quartermaster General.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HUGHES,  
Captain, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C

October 7 1929.

Conover, Richard S 636 -M

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
R. F. D. #2, St. Mary's Rect.,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

The Act of Congress which provides for pilgrimages to cemeteries in Europe by mothers and widows of members of the military or naval forces of the United States who died in the military or naval service at any time between April 5, 1917 and July 1, 1921, and whose remains are now interred in such cemeteries, all necessary expenses of which pilgrimages are to be paid by the United States Government, requires that the Secretary of War make an investigation and submit the results of such investigation in a report to Congress not later than December 15, 1929. The purpose of the investigation is to determine the total number of mothers and widows entitled to make the pilgrimages, the number of such mothers and widows who desire to make the pilgrimages, the number who desire to make the pilgrimages during the calendar year 1930 and the probable cost of the pilgrimages to be made.

In order that the report referred to may be made and plans completed for conducting the pilgrimages, it is requested that you answer the following questions by filling out the blanks left therefor and return the letter to this office by return mail in the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

1. Do you desire to make this pilgrimage if eligible?	(Yes)	(No)
2. Do you desire to make the pilgrimage in the calendar year 1930?	(Yes)	(No)
3. Have you at any time made a previous visit to the grave of the deceased member of the military or naval forces in whom you are interested?	(Yes)	(No)
4. Please give your age and state of health.	Age (Years)	Health (Good) (Poor)
5. What language do you speak?	English - (Yes) (No)	Other language (Specify language spoken)

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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QM 293 A-C  
Conover, Richard S.

July 29, 1929.

Mrs. James P. Conover,  
St. Marys Rectory,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 21, 1929, wherein you make inquiry concerning the Gold Star Mothers' and Widows' Pilgrimage to Europe.

It is regretted to advise you that it will not be possible to permit your husband to accompany you to Europe when you make the pilgrimage to the grave of your son. It is necessary that the groups be limited to the mothers and widows for whom the pilgrimage is authorized, due to the limited facilities for the accommodation of tourists available in the small towns adjoining the American cemeteries in Europe.

Plans for the pilgrimage have not progressed far enough to enable this office to give you a definite answer relative to your request for a stop over. However, you may be assured that The Quartermaster General will be as liberal in granting requests of this nature as conditions permit. Just as soon as a definite answer can be given you will be advised.

Within a reasonable time you will be furnished the necessary blanks on which to make formal application for the journey. Space will be provided on these blanks for you to indicate the time you desire to go.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

A. D. Hughes,  
Capt., Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 293 A-C  
Conover, Richard S.

May 16, 1929.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
St. Mary's Rectory,  
RFD #2,  
Newport, R. I.

Dear Madam:

Your attention is invited to the enclosed copy of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, entitled an Act "To enable the mothers and widows of the deceased soldiers, sailors and marines of the American forces now interred in the cemeteries of Europe to make a pilgrimage to these cemeteries".

The records of this office show that you are the mother of the late Corporal Richard S. Conover, Machine Gun Co., 18th Infantry, whose remains are now interred in the Somme American Cemetery, Bony, Aisne, France.

Will you please advise this office whether or not he is survived by a widow who is entitled under the provisions of the above quoted Act, to make the pilgrimage, and if so, will you please furnish her full name and address in order that action may be taken to extend an invitation to her to make the pilgrimage. Both mothers and widows are entitled to make the pilgrimage.

In the event your son was survived by a widow who has since re-married it is requested that a statement to that effect be made.

For your reply, you may use the enclosed envelope which requires no postage.

For The Quartermaster General,

Very truly yours,

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Act of Congress.  
Envelope.

JOHN T. HARRIS,  
Major, Q. M. Corps,  
Assistant.

Original

Place Villers Journeulle France  
Date Dec 7-1920

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

1. REMAINS OF Richard S. Louver SERIAL NUMBER 45659  
RANK Lpl. ORGANIZATION M. G. Co 18<sup>th</sup> Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Dec 7-1920 From (give complete location): Gr. 8 plot B  
cen 176 Villers Journeulle (France)  
By: Group Three Unit One

3. Reburied (date): Dec 7-1920 In (give complete location): Gr. 173 plot C  
cen 176 Villers Journeulle France  
By: Group Three Unit See One Nature of reburial in blanket in same box

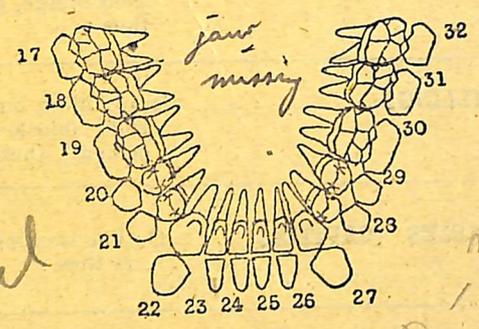
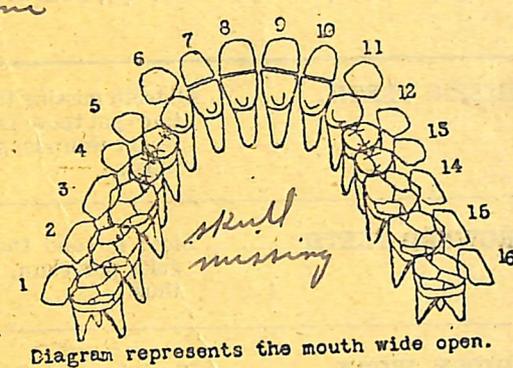
4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Deadly decomposed. In uniform in burials in pine box

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes

(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
following history  
found on paper in case on body: 45659- Richard S. Louver, Machine gun Co. 18<sup>th</sup> Inf.  
Found Jan 2-1919- Grave 20 row E Contigny Mil. Cen.  
Body does not appear to be hospital case.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

- (a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine
- (b) Weight (estimated) Impossible to estimate
- (c) Hair—Color skull missing  
Quantity do  
Characteristics do
- (d) Hair on face—Color do  
Location do  
Quantity do



(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) Impossible to report

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(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty) skull and lower jaw missing  
Right and left shoulder blades, right and left upper arms, left lower arm, left hip, left upper leg left lower leg and ankle, ribs all fractured

7. Disinterment supervised by Arthur E. Proctor Approved: S. D. Campbell  
(Arthur E. Proctor, 1st Lt. QMC) (S. D. Campbell, Capt. Inf.)  
Inspector (Title) M. of S. #1

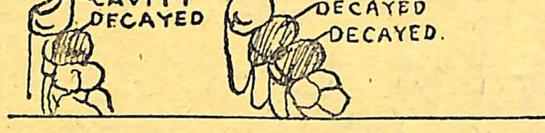
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(Arthur E. Proctor, 1st Lt. QMC) (S. D. Campbell, Capt. Inf.)  
Inspector (Title) M. of S. #1

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1. Show soldier's name, serial number, rank and organization, and by whom disinterred and reburied.
2. Give date and accurate information as to location from which the body was disinterred and the group and unit which made disinterment.
3. Give date and accurate information as to location of reburial and the group and unit which made reburial, and how reburial was made—in casket, wooden box, etc.
4. State to what degree decomposition has progressed, whether 'recognition is possible,' and how the body was originally buried—in a casket, box, burlap, etc. This statement should be as complete as possible.
5. (a) State whether identification tags were found buried with body and on grave marker by reporting "Yes" or "No".  
 (b) State whether or not body appears to have been a hospital case. Were any identifying articles found in or on body or grave? List any personal effects, letters, money-order receipts, and the like found on body or in grave. Give any and all information which it is thought might be of use in identifying the body, other than that tabulated under Item No. 6.
6. Give all information as to body description and dental chart as nearly correctly as the condition of the body will allow. Items (e) and (f) under the body description are very important and should be very complete. The dental chart is also very important and should be filled in with great care. There are 32 teeth to be accounted for, as shown by the numbers on the chart. Beginning at the middle line in both upper and lower jaws, the teeth are arranged symmetrically on either side and classed as incisors (cutting teeth), cuspids or canines (tearing teeth), bicuspid (chewing teeth), and molars (principal chewing teeth). An examination should be made and findings charted to cover the following basic conditions: Lost teeth, crowned teeth, bridge work, fillings, caries (cavities of decay), dentures (plates), and any deformity of jaws found.

<p><b>MISSING TEETH</b>.....All teeth missing through previous extraction (not those fractured or displaced by recent wounds) should be scratched out, thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">TOOTH MISSING      TOOTH MISSING</p>
<p><b>CROWNED TEETH</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold, porcelain, or gold and porcelain), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD CROWN      PORCELAIN CROWN GOLD CROWN</p>
<p><b>BRIDGE WORK</b>.....Block in solid the crown of tooth (label gold bridge, gold and porcelain bridge), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AND PORCELAIN BRIDGE      GOLD BRIDGE</p>
<p><b>FILLINGS</b>.....Draw filling on tooth accurately as possible (block in and label gold, silver, cement), thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">SILVER FILLING      GOLD FILLING GOLD FILLING      GOLD FILLING</p>
<p><b>CARIES (CAVITIES)</b>.....Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus :</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">CAVITY DECAYED      DECAYED DECAYED</p>
<p><b>DENTURES (PLATES)</b>.....Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate, block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp."</p>	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.
8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

*D. M. f. v.*

To be prepared in triplicate.

DATE Nov. 10, 1921

REPORT OF DISINTERMENT, PREPARATION, SHIPMENT AND REBURIAL OF BODY

DISINTERMENT

COMPARATIVE REPORT

Records of G.R.S. Headquarters.

Discrepancy found upon exhumation of body

1. Name CONOVER, Richard S. 18

10. Name

2. No. 45659

11. No.

3. Rank Cpl.

12. Rank

4. Org. M. G. Co. 18th Inf. 19

13. Org.

5. D.D. May 27th 1918

14. (a) D.D.

6. C.D. KIA

(b) D.B.

Discrepancy found upon disinterment

7. Grave No. 173 Sec. 000'

15. Grave No. Sec.

8. Plot C Row

16. Plot Row

9.

17. no discrepancy

18. Cemetery American

19. Commune or town Villers Tournelle

20. Dept. or County Somme

21. Country France

22. G.R.S. Hdqrs. Code No. Cty. #176

23. Disinterred (Date) Nov. 10, 1921

By James McGourty

24. Inscription on grave marker:

Name Richard S. Conover

Serial No. - -

Rank Cpl.

Organization MG Co. 18th. Inf.

25. Was identification disc found on grave marker? yes On body? yes

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Barnard J. Black  
Signature Junior Technical Assistant

Barnard J. Black

PREPARATION

26. What other means of identification were on body? (If no disc or other means of identification on body, give description of body in detail)  
Tag on cross and bottle record and tag on body show Ser. # 45659  
Body previously reburied by Field Sec. Metal strips on box and body and reburial bottle record found. Body disc reads: "Richard Conover, 45659. Pvt. MG Co. 18. Inf. USA"

27. Condition of body Skeleton disarticulated. Features unrecog.

28. Nature of burial Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.

29. Any discrepancy noted upon examination of body, as compared with G.R.S. records quoted above?

30. Body prepared and placed in casket: Date Nov. 10, 1921 By James McGourty

31. Casket sealed by James McGourty,

Signature of Embalmer, (Supervisor) James McGourty

AUDITED  
1023225

SHIPMENT. (Show actual marking of box.) Box No. **C-13462**

32. Designation of body:

Name **CONOVER, Richard S.** Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Rank **Cpl.** Organization **M. G. Co. 18th Inf.**

33. Consigned to:

Name of Permanent Cemetery **Somme American Cty. #636, Bony, Aisne**

34. Casket boxed and marked (Date) **Nov. 10, 1921** By **James McGourty**

35. I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Signature of G.R.S. Inspector **J.J. Powers, 1st.Lt. QMC**

36. Remarks

37. Shipped from point of Operation: (Date) **Nov. 10, 1921**

To point of Concentration **Amiens, Somme**

Convoyer **Charles Harbeck** Signature Shipping Office **J.J. Powers, 1st.Lt. QMC**

38. Received at Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **Nov. 10, 1921**

By G.R.S. Representative **Hubert W. Beyette, Capt. QMC**

39. Shipped from Railhead or Point of Concentration: Date **21 NOV 1921**

To Permanent Cemetery **No. 636, Bony, Aisne**

Convoyer **E.C. Steward** Signature Shipping Office **H.W. Beyette, Capt. QMC**

40. Received: Date **25 NOV 1921**

G.R.S. Representative **J.S. Lu**

41. Reinterred: **October 6th 1922** (Date)

42. Grave No. **5** Section \_\_\_\_\_

43. Plot Block **D** Row **II** No. **4**

G.R.S. Representative **D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC**

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45659

Conover,

Richard S.

(Surname.)

(Christian name in full.)

(Army serial number)

Corp

*M.G. Co., Co M 18 Inf*

(Rank and organization.)

State your relationship to the deceased

*Mother*

Do you desire the remains brought to the United States?

*Yes*

(Yes or no.)

If remains are brought to the United States, do you wish them interred in a national cemetery?

(Yes or no.)

If you desire the remains interred at the home of the deceased, give full information below as to where they should be sent:

(Name of person to receive remains.)

(Express office.)

(Telegraph office.)

*Newport, Rhode Island*

(Number and street.)

(City or town.)

(State.)

(Sign here)

*Mary B. Conover*

*68*

*Ay 2nd St*

(City, town, or post office.)

(State.)

*Newport R.I.*

Read carefully the letter accompanying this card.

Rev. J. P. Conover  
East Greenwich, R.I.

Drawn by PM  
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cl 2-15-21

Place Villers Tournelle, Somme

# REPORT OF DISINTERMENT AND REBURIAL

Date Nov. 10, 1921

1. REMAINS OF CONOVER, Richard S. SERIAL NUMBER 45659  
RANK Cpl. ORGANIZATION M.G.Co. 18th. Inf.

2. Disinterred (date): Nov. 10, 1921. From (give complete location): Gr. 173, Plot C. Am.Cem.176, Villers Tournelle, Somme  
By: Group 1 Unit FS 8

3. Reburied (date): 10/6/22 In (give complete location): Grave 5 Row 4 Block D, Somme Cemetery, No. 636, Bony (Aisne)  
By: Group Reburial Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Nature of reburial Reg. Casket, Shipping Case

4. Report as to nature of original burial and condition of body upon disinterment:  
Wrapped in blanket and in wooden box.  
Skeleton disarticulated. Features unrecog.

5. (a) Identification tags: Buried with body? yes On grave marker? yes  
Tag on body and cross and bottle record found, show: #45659" (Ser.No.)  
(b) Other means of identification found upon disinterment, and general remarks:  
Body previously reburied by Field Sec. Metal strips on box and body and reburial bottle record found.

6. What does examination of body show as regards the following identifying items?

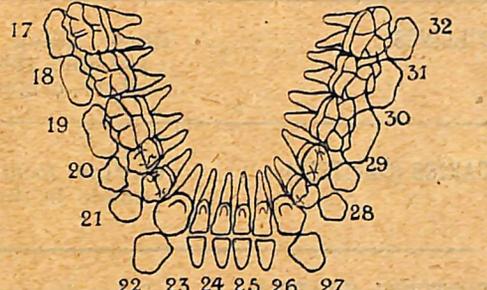
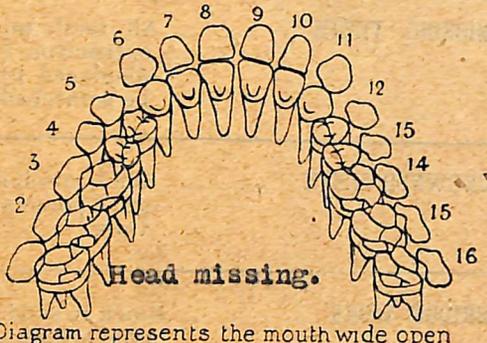
(a) Height (actual measurement) Impossible to determine

(b) Weight (estimated) Imp. to estimate

(c) Hair—Color none visible  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Hair on face—Color none visible  
Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Permanent marks on body (old scars, peculiarities, or missing parts) none visible



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(f) Wounds or missing parts (received at time of casualty)  
Left radius missing. Head missing. Both humerus and left femur and right fibula shattered.

Checker Bernard J. Black,

7. Disinterment supervised by James McCourty, S.E. Approved J. Powers, 1st Lt. QMC Insp.  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_  
Reburial supervised by B.A. Bradford Approved D.E. Lowry, 1st Lt. QMC.  
(Title) \_\_\_\_\_

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CARIES (CAVITIES)	Outline location and size of cavity, shade in thus:	
DENTURES (PLATES)	Draw diagram of relative size and shape of plate block in teeth attached and indicate retaining clasps on natural teeth with the word "clasp"	

7. Show name of person supervising the disinterment and the name and title of the person approving same.

8. Show name of person supervising the reburial and the name and title of the person approving same.

In reply refer to:  
293.8 C-R #2767

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November 1, 1922.

Mrs. James P. Conover,  
St. Mary's Rectory,  
R.F.D. #2,  
Newport, R.I.

Dear Madam:

In reply to your letter of September 19, 1922, addressed to Miss Connor, Information Bureau, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, you are advised that the remains of your late son, Corporal Richard S. Conover, Machine Gun Company, 18th Infantry, were removed from their original grave location and reburied October 6, 1922 in Grave 5, Block D, Row 4, Somme American Cemetery at Bony, Department of Aisne.

This is one of the permanent American military cemeteries to be maintained by this Government in Europe and the body of your late son was removed thereto, in order that the grave may be under the care and custody of the United States Government. Each grave in this cemetery will be marked by a suitable headstone and will be tenderly cared for by this Government for all time in a manner befitting the last resting place of our hero dead. Please be assured that in effecting the removal, the utmost care and reverence were exacted and more than willingly accorded by those performing this sacred duty.

Your communication is being forwarded to the Chief, American Graves Registration Service, Q.M.C. in Europe, with the request that you be furnished direct with a photograph of the above-mentioned cemetery if same is available.

Very respectfully,

E. E. DAVIS,  
Executive Assistant, G.R.S.

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Dear Miss Connor -

Last evening I saw Mr. Horatio R. Rogers, he has just returned from France, and he said he had called at the Graves Registration Bureau in Paris, and had heard from you that my son's body was to be moved from the American Cemetery at Villers Tournelle to a place called Bony, it has troubled me very much and I shall be very grateful to you if you will let me know when this has been done and the exact location of the grave. His name is Richard S. Conover he was a Corporal Machine Gun Co., 18th Infantry. He was killed May 27, 1918 Cantigny. Mr. Rogers said that you came from Evanston, Ill, which is his home so you may remember his having been at your office.

Hoping you will forgive my bothering you

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Mary B. Conover

Address

Mrs. James P. Conover  
St. Mary's Rectory  
R.F.D. 2

Newport,  
Rhode Island

U.S.A.

September 19

P.S. If there is a photograph of the Cemetery at Bony I should be very glad to have one and will send the money to pay for it.

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293.8 C-R #2767

Conover, Richard S., Cpl.

1st Ind.

War Department, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.,  
November 1, 1922. - To: Chief, American Graves Registration Service,  
Q.M.C. in Europe.

1. It is requested that writer of the enclosed communication be  
furnished direct with photograph of the Somme American Cemetery, Bony,  
Aisne, if same is available.

2. Mrs. Conover has been advised of this reference.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

1 encl.  
letter 9/19/22

H. J. CONNER,  
Assistant.

DS  
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✓

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G.R.S.

In reply refer to:

Office of the Chief of the Service.

EG/jrm

October 11, 1922.

Subject: Grave location of Richard S. Conover, Cpl., M.G.Co., 18th Inf.

To: The Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C.

1. Attention is invited to attached letter addressed to Miss Connor, who is in charge of the Information Bureau at these Headquarters.
2. The remains of Cpl. Richard S. Conover, M.G. Co., 18th Inf., were permanently buried in Sonme Cemetery on October 6, 1922 in Grave 5, Block D, Row 4.
3. No reply has been made to the attached communication. It is suggested that reply be made to Mrs. Conover from your office. Mrs. Conover's address is stated in attached communication to Miss Connor.

For the Chief of the Service:



1 encl.- letter Sept. 19, 1922.

Edwin Gunner,  
Assistant.

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**FILE**  
 CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
 REGISTRATION SECTION

File No. 2767

October 29th 192 1.

## MEMO FOR:

Cards Department.

1.

CASE OF:

M.G. Co. 18th Inf.  
 ORGANIZATION (Old)

CONOVER 45659 Richard S. Corp.  
 (Name)

Correction or additional data changes as shown below have been made on the Registration Card of the above-mentioned soldier and a corresponding change will be necessary on the Organization Card:

## ORGANIZATION (New)

FILE NO.

SURNAME

SERIAL NUMBER

FIRST NAME AND INITIALS

RANK

DATE OF DEATH

CAUSE OF DEATH

	Date	Place	F-1A No.
Orig.			D-
1st Reb.			D-
2nd Reb.	12/7/20	176	D- 30279
3rd Reb.			D-

(Note: In the above spaces below double line fill in ONLY the new date and data correcting previous information)

BY: Miss Lannon

Card.  
 (Department)

5 x 8 card was sent to file.

Corrections made  
 on Organization  
 File Card:

By S/MC  
 S/3324/LML

**REPORT OF DEATH AND DISPOSAL OF REMAINS**

Conover, 45659 Richard S.  
(Surname.) (Christian name.)

Cpl. Co. "MG" 18th Inf. 1st Division AEF.  
(Grade.) (Company and regiment or corps or department.)

(If civilian, capacity and department in which employed.)

Date of death: May 27, 1918.

Place of death: Sector Villers-Tournelle.

Cause of death: Killed by HES, multiple wounds  
of the body received in action May 27, 1918.

Date and place of burial, with No. and locality of grave. (If not interred at post,  
state disposition made of remains)

CMME Villers-Tournelle (Somme)  
(C-11) HIT. 21 St. COORD E-120.  
approximate 7 M-330.  
Married or single? If married, name and address of widow: Single

Remarks: Death occurred in line of duty.  
Not the result of soldiers misconduct.

Lt Colonel 18th Infantry, Commanding.

Station: France, 1st Div. AEF. 2767

Date:

**EXTRACT FROM ARMY REGULATIONS.**

"1621/2. The following reports are required by the War Department in the case of the death of a soldier in the active service:  
(a) Report of death and disposal of remains (Form No. 415, A. G. O.) to be made by the commanding officer of the post or station or of a command in the field, and forwarded directly to The Adjutant General of the Army as soon as practicable after final disposition has been made of the remains."

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Communal List No. 11-775  
Daily Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dec. 19, 1921

293.8 C-R #2767-(Conover, Richard S. Corp.)Cty. 176, Sht. 85.  
The Quartermaster General, U.S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)  
Miss Edith M. Batts, 234-12th St., Alton, Illinois. East.

Information.

1. In reply to your letter of December 15, 1921,  
you are advised that the records of this office show  
the address of the mother of the late Corporal Richard  
S. Conover, Machine Gun Company, 18th Infantry to be,  
Mrs. Mary B. Conover, 68 Aysault St., Newport, R.I.

By authority of the Acting Quartermaster General:

CHARLES J. WYNNE  
Captain, Q.M.C.

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O. Q. M. G.

My love

Allton - Ills.

December 15 - 1921

Recorder, Cemeterial Div., O. O. M. G.  
File # 293-8  
2767

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Cemeterial Division.  
Washington - D. C.

Captain Wynne

Dear Sir -

Will you please send me the address of the mother  
of Corporal Conover - Machine Gun Co #1 - 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
1<sup>st</sup> Division killed at Cantigny - 1918.

Yours truly,

(Miss) Edith M. Betts

734-12<sup>th</sup> St

Allton - Ills.

Conover, Madams

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MISS EDITH W. BETTS  
234 E. 12th St.,  
Alton, Illinois

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Captain Chas. J. Wynne  
Cemeterial Division  
Munitions Bldg.

Washington,  
D. C.



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CERMETERIAL DIVISION



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of the Army  
Washington

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G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0

Information requested of Adjutant General

Date 2-17-21.

File No.

Requester's Organization

From: The Quartermaster General, U. S. Army, (Cemeterial Division)

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

1. It is requested that the items checked below be completed, Request confirmation of all information shown.

a. Surname **CONOVER,** ✓

f. Date of death **5-27-18.** ✓

b. Christian name **Richard S.** ✓

g. Cause of death **k/a.** ✓

c. Serial Number **45659** ✓

h. Authority (C.O.#)

d. Organization **M.G.Co., 18th Inf.**  
**or Co. M, 18th Inf.**

i. Emergency address

e. Rank **Cpl.** ✓

j. Relationship **East Greenwich, R. I.**  
**father**

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

a. Age of enlistment

b. Color of eyes

c. Color of hair

d. Height

e. Weight

f. Permanent marks and physical defects at enlistment (Old fractures or breaks)

DENTAL CHARTS

(See Physical report of examination prior to enlistment)

a. Strike out teeth missing

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
upper right upper left

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
lower right lower left

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY: *H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 176

SHEET NO: 85  
TYPED BY: HWL

S/713/LML

Rec'd World War Div.

Date FEB 18 1921

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Office of the Quartermaster General of  
Washington

FROM, O.Q.M.G.  
CEMETERIAL DIVISION  
Munitions Building  
Room  
  
PLEASE  
EXPEDITE  
  
Date 2-17-21

G.R.S. Form 8-W-A-0

Information requested of *Adjustment Made*

*Adjustment Made*  
*Requester's*

File No.

Requester's  
*MAR 2 1921*

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To: The Adjutant General of the Army, 6th & B Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Subject: Information required for G.R.S.

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- a. Surname **CONOVER,** ✓
- b. Christian name **Richard S.** ✓
- c. Serial Number **45659** ✓
- d. Organization **M.G.Co., 18th Inf.**  
**or Co. M, 18th Inf.**
- e. Rank **Cpl.** ✓
- f. Date of death **5-27-18.** ✓
- g. Cause of death **k/a.** ✓
- h. Authority (C.O.#)
- i. Emergency address
- j. Relationship **Rev. J. P. Conover -**  
**East Greenwich,**  
**R. I.**

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*2-28-21*  
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**FILE**

BODY DESCRIPTION

(See page #2 of the Service Record)

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- e. Weight
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**FILE**

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*Donnelly - Mrs - 2-21*  
*Aug 7 - 2-18-21*

H. L. ROGERS,  
Quartermaster General, U.S.A.

BY: *H. J. Conner*

H. J. CONNER,  
1st. Lieut., Q.M.C.

CEMETERY NO: 176

SHEET NO: 85  
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U.S., Unit 502, G.R.S., and Det., B. 26, France, Jan. 14, 1919 - Chief,  
G.R.S., American B.F.

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*J. F. Tompkins*  
J. F. Tompkins,  
Capt., Cav., U.S.A.

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American Expeditionary Forces  
Headquarters Service of Supplies,  
Office of the Chief Quartermaster-American E. F.  
Graves Registration Service  
France.

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January 16, 1919

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.  
TO: Chaplain James P. Conover, A. R. C., APO #716.  
SUBJECT: Corporal Richard S. Conover, M.G.Co., 18th Inf.

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In reply to your letter of November 29th, 1918, I am very sorry to have to inform you that the Graves Registration Service has not as yet succeeded in obtaining any definite burial information regarding this soldier. You may rest assured that every possible effort will be made to locate the grave, and, if necessary, a special search will be made of the area where he died and is, no doubt, buried. Careful note is being made of your name and address, and immediately the burial information is received, you will be advised.

By direction CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., A.E.F.

per MAURICE B. DIX,  
Captain, American Red Cross,  
Representative assigned to  
Graves Registration Service.

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# AMERICAN RED CROSS

(CROIX ROUGE AMERICAINE)



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4. PLACE DE LA TOUR D'AUVERGNE

File  
Conover

FROM. James P. Conover, Chaplain  
TO. Colonel Pierce, Chief G. R. S.  
SUBJECT. Body of Corporal R. S. Conover

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Dr. J. P. Conover  
Chaplain  
R. S. A.

My dear Colonel:

On receipt of your telegram I went at once to Amiens & from there by courtesy of Capt. Truphain in company with Lieut Bowen to Cantigny. I held a short service over the graves of those lately buried. In Aug. I had said the service for the others. I recovered <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>cover</sup> of one of his guns & also a part of a letter which will be very precious to his mother. With many, many thanks.  
Faithfully yours, J. P. Conover

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C.O., Unit 302, G.R.S., and Det., B.P.O. S-26, France, Jan. 14, 1919 - Chief,  
G.R.S., American E.F.

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REGISTRATION BRANCH DIRECTION TICKET

TO: Licut. Noetzel  
Licut. Hutchison  
✓ Licut. La Perriere (2)  
Licut. Walters  
Licut. Friis  
Chief Clerk - Reg. Branch  
Chief Clerk - A. & O. Divs.  
File Clerk  
Stenographer

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Record  
Recorded \_\_\_\_\_  
Make Copy  
Cross Reference  
Forward Papers on Case  
Note and Return  
For Information  
For Action  
For Necessary Reply  
For Personal Conference  
Return to \_\_\_\_\_

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AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

January 9th, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American M. F.  
TO : Capt. J.F. Tompkins, G.R.S. Officer, B.P.O. S-26, Amiens. 2767  
SUBJECT : Grave Location.

1. This office is in receipt of your wire dated January 3rd, A-51-3, "Body of Cpl. Richard Conover located and reburied at Cantigny. Please notify his father".
2. Notification has been sent by wire to Chaplain Conover, advising him that the body of his son has been located. The above telegram is very indefinite as to location and can not be taken up on our records, therefore, in the future, specify on your telegrams, grave number, section of cemetery, name and nature of cemetery, and location in order that such information may be immediately recorded. You will of course submit regulation Form 1 on this case.
3. If the same is not already forwarded, it is desired that you send a letter giving all the details, the method of search which resulted in the location of the above body, the means of identification, the former location etc., inasmuch as this information will be appreciated by Chaplain Conover.

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

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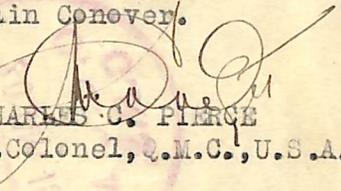
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Lieut. Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

January 3rd, 1919.

FROM : Chief, Graves Registration Service, American E. F.

TO : Capt. J.F. Tompkins, G.H.Q. Officer, P.O. 2-25, France.

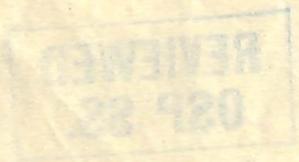
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1. This office is in receipt of your wire dated January 3rd, 1919, "Body of Capt. Richard Conover located and reported at Gantigny. Please notify his father."

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Chief Quartermaster, A.E.F., U.S.A.



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Tours, France, January 7th, 1919.

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Chaplain J P Conover, A R C  
4, Place de la Tour d'Anvergne  
Brest, France.

Body of your son located and reburied at Cantigny period More complete  
information will be forwarded upon receipt of same from Capt Tompkins

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OFFICIAL:

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Lieut.-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
5:00 P  
CCP:M

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Signal Corps, United States Army.  
Telegram.

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CHIEF GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE HQ SOS AEF

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A 51 3 BODY OF CORPORAL RICHARD CONOVER LOCATED AND REBURIED AT  
CANTIGNY PLEASE NOTIFY HIS FATHER

TOMPKINS UNIT 302 GRAVES REG SVC

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Col. Pierce ✓

Apr 1, 8

No reports (if not very few)  
have been received from  
Capt. Tompkins covering  
this sector.

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Mr. [Signature]

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G. H. Q. A. E. F.  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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FROM: Adjutant General

TO:

SUBJECT: Report to A. G. O. regarding Identification Tags.

1. In the case of

it is noted that the deceased

- (a) wore no identification tag
- (b) had only one identification tag

Explanation desired by endorsement on reverse side of this paper, which is to be returned to these headquarters promptly.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL PERSHING:

BENJ. ALVORD,  
Adjutant General.

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NOTE: Two identification tags must be habitually worn by every member of the A. E. F., officers, soldiers and civilians.

Unit Commanders will periodically inspect their men for the purpose of enforcing this order. Any violation thereof will be made the subject of discipline. One tag is to be buried with the remains; the other to be securely fastened to name peg or stake used as a temporary marker for the grave. (G. O. 30, G. H. Q. A. E. F., 1918).

TAGS MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM MEN WHILE IN HOSPITAL.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, A.E.F.  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

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December 26th, 1918.

My Dear Chaplain Conover:

I beg to say that the cemeteries about which you  
ask are as follows:

No. 246 is Bezu-le-Gucry, Aisne;  
No. 247 is Jully, Seine-et-Marne.

No definite report in the case of your son has yet been received from  
Capt. Tompkins, but I am still hoping that we can get the information you  
desire. It will make me very happy when this desired result is achieved.

With best wishes for you and yours, I am

Faithfully yours,

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Lieut-Colonel, Q.M.C., U.S.A.  
Chief, G.R.S.

COP\*M



ember 14th, 1918.

MEMORANDUM FOR LIEUT.-COLONEL  
PIERCE.

Attached are papers in  
connection with case Cpl.  
Richard S. Conover, M.G. Co.  
18th Infantry.

*A. C. LaPerriere*  
A. C. LaPERRIERE,  
2nd Lieut., Q.M.C.

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Have Capt Tompkins  
reports on Cantigny  
Come in? CCF

ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
WITH THE  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

AMERICAN RED CROSS

NAME James P. Crevier  
Chaplain U.S.A.



4 Place de la Tour d'Auvergne Dec. 17 1918

Chaplain Charles C. Peirce

Colonel A.G.M.

Chief G.I.S.

My dear Colonel:

I have <sup>had</sup> no answer

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to two questions which I have asked from several sources.

1. Where are cemeteries 246 + 247?  
246 + 247

I have friends buried there

2. What success did Captain Trapkins have in locating my son's body at Cantigny? I sent him through Capt. Takkan a more accurate drawing which I got after my visit.

Yours Sincerely

J. P. Crevier

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SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

No. *12/21*

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*Registration -*

- ① Where are cemeteries*
  - # 246 - Bezu-le-Guery, Aisne*
  - # 247 - Guilly, Seine-et-Marne.*
- ② Any report on G. L. of Conover, at Cantigny?*

In Reply Please  
Refer To File No.  
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✓  
*Eng. 696*  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES  
Office of Depot Quartermaster, A.P.O # 702  
GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

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5th, December, 1918.

From : Office of Depot Quartermaster, A.P.O # 702,  
Through: Chief Quartermaster, Am.E.F.  
To : Chief of Graves Registration Service, Hq., S.O.S.,  
Subject : Location of Grave of Richard S. Conover.

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1. The enclosed letter from Chaplain James P. Conover is forwarded to you for your information.

2. You are advised that Mr. Conover called at this office several times to make enquiries relative to the location of his son's grave, and the records of this office show a telegram which was forwarded, on September 17th, to Capt., J.F. Tompkins, Commanding Unit 302, G.R.S., requesting him to meet Mr. Conover in the effort to locate his son's grave, also a telegram on September 24th to Capt., J.F. Tompkins advising him that Chaplain Conover thought it probable that his son's body would be found in one of the larger trenches below the hill top.

3. No other information regarding this case is known at this office but it is probable that Capt., J.F. Tompkins would be ~~unable~~ able to give further information regarding this case.

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*[Signature]*  
Col., Q.M.C.

*[Signature]*  
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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE.

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September 10, 1918.

My dear Chaplain Conover,

I am very sorry to have to tell you, that we are still in the same position, as before, as regards the location of the grave of your son. As I have told you before, conditions were at their worst, in the attack in which your son was killed and even at the present time, we still have certain of our Field Forces working attempting to locate the American graves in that area.

I sincerely hope, that they may be able to find the grave of your son and rest assured, if they do, I will loose no time in sending you the news. Again assuring you of my great sympathy, I am

CHARLES C. PIERCE  
Major, A.Q.M., U. S. A.  
Chief, G.R.S.

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JAMES P. CONOVER

Nov. 29, 1918.

CHAPLAIN A. R. C.

A. P. O. 716

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DATE 5 - DEC 1918



Capt. Takhan

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Graves Registration Office  
Hotel Elysee  
Paris.

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My dear Captain: 2767

I have never had any answer to my letter of over two months ago containing an accurate description of the spot where my son Richard S. Conover fell at Cantigny. I asked to have it sent to Capt. Tompkins there working over that field with a request ~~for~~<sup>to</sup> him to let me know of his success. Some weeks ago I wrote Major Paris - but no answer. Please let me know if anything has been done to locate the grave. Yours, J. P. Conover

JAMES P. COOVER  
CHAPMAN, R. C.



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DATE 8 - DEC 1918

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U.S. ARMY  
CHAPMAN, R. C.

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Capt. Couquer is now  
at A.R.L. Hdqrs in  
Paris, awaiting permit  
from French authorities  
to make trip to Beauvais  
& Cantigny.

So soon as he notifies  
GHS that the permit is  
ready, we are to com-  
municate with Capt.  
Tomphkins & have him  
arrange to meet Couquer  
at Beauvais & assist  
in the search for his  
son's grave, - in view of  
new information in  
Couquer's possession.

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Major Chas C. Pierce,  
A.Q.M. Chief Graves Registration Service.  
APO 717, Tours.

Kindly advise location of burial place Corporal Richard S. Conover  
Machine Gun Company eighteenth infantry.

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MAJOR CHAS C PIERCE

AI QM CHIEF GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE TOURS  
KINDLY ADVISE LOCATION OF BURIAL PLACE CORPORAL RICHARD S CONOVER  
MACHINE GUN COMPANY EIGHTEENTH INFANTRY

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- ✓ Principal Clerk
- Acquisitions
- Inspections
- Maintenance
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- Draughtsman
- Miscellaneous
- ✓ Registration
- Communal & Cemeterial
- Sgt. Hoffecker
- Corpl. Mollan
- Records

*Place of death  
not noted on card.  
Have letter read  
Returns*

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- For File
  - For Translation
  - For Report
  - For draft of letter
  - ✓ To Chief, G. R. S.
  - To Lieut. Conner
  - To Capt. Hardy

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*~~Note Father's French address.~~*

*~~Noted.~~*

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HOVER Richard S.

Corporal

M.G.Co., 18th Inf.

Burial information required for Inquiry Section ARC

Died 5-27-18

Buried 5-27-18

Commune of Viller-Tournelle, Somme.

NR: notified 2-1-19

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From James P. Conover  
Chaplain, A.R.C.  
4 Place de La Tour d'Auvergne  
Brest.

Brest, Aug 7, 1918.

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Major Charles C. Purce; Chief, Q. R. S. A. 817

My dear Major Purce:

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Yours of July 31<sup>st</sup> with enclosures

as to Chaplain's duties at hand. I shall at once comply with the regulations which I have heretofore left entirely to the Gov't registration officer & to our Red Cross Registrar here.

We shall now coordinate in a more business like manner, I hope. The grave location blanks which you are shipping are, I suppose, blanks on which we can keep the required data in convenient fashion for turning in to your office. If not, we should have such blanks to avoid mistake & the labour of so much clerk work. I have never

had any answer to the questions I sent you some time ago in regard to my son's body which was turned at the front, battle of Catigny May 27.

Yours,  
James Potter Conover  
Chaplain A.R.C.

Richard S. Conover, Corporal  
Mechanics Gun Co. 18<sup>th</sup> Div

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August 6th, 1918.

My Dear Chaplain Conover:

I regret exceedingly to be unable to give you the definite information which you desire in relation to the burial place of your son, as no report has been received. Our men are working very hard at the present time to clear up many matters at the front, and I am expecting to return to that section within a few days. You may rest assured that everything will be done that can be done to make it possible to find the grave of your boy. Just as soon as we are able to secure any information at all, you shall have it. The reports of our Chaplains and burial officers are very much delayed, owing to the extraordinary conditions under which it has been necessary for them to do their work.

With very great sympathy for you and for those in your time of great trial, I am

Very faithfully,

CCP\*W

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MAJOR, A.Q.M.  
Chief, G.R.S.

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This delay was caused by lack of help.  
The average burial at the present time is reported 20 days after the death is reported to this office, there has been a noticeable increase in the length of time since the beginning of the present offensive. It would be useless work to send requests for information before the lapse of this period as the requests and the information would cross in the mail, but it is essential that these requests follow each case at the most after a period of 20 days. There are at the present time 2000 incomplete cases 1000 of which should be followed immediately, and by the time they are sent out there will be more than 1000 more to follow up. This requires 1 mans entire time as the number is bound to increase With the present rate of increase in the number of casualties this work can be kept up following each case after a period of 20 days with one extra man.

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From James P. Conover.  
Chaplain A.R.C.  
4 Place de La Tour d'Auvergne  
Brest.

July 28, 1918

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To  
Major C. E. Perie  
Chief Registration of Graves  
A. E. F.

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My dear Sir:

My son Richard S. Conover, 18<sup>th</sup>

Infantry, Machine Gun Co was killed at the battle of  
Catebry May 27<sup>th</sup>. Some time ago I went to Bouviller  
where I was told that he was buried. There, Chaplain  
Dickson had no record of such burial, and he told  
me that the boys killed in battle were generally buried  
right at the front. The Chaplain hoped to have all  
those bodies lying there removed to the cemetery at Bouv-  
illers; but, as he remarked, it takes less time &  
danger to remove the bodies at once to the vicinity  
of the cemetery back of the line than to bury them  
there; & remove them afterwards. I am very anxious to know if my son's  
remains have been properly interred, & what I  
can do to further it, if it has not yet been done.  
I would be glad to go & see to it myself if I were  
permitted. I realize the difficulties of the whole  
situation & I am willing to trust the Gov't, but  
naturally my wife in America wants some assu-  
rance from me that I know that it has been done.

Sincerely yours

James P. Conover.

W. J. D. M. M. A. S. B. R. C.

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SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY

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*phoned to Lt J...*  
*Suggested action.*



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*H.C.*  
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MAJ CHAS C PIERCE GRAVES REGISTRATION

SVC QM DEPT TOURS

REV J P CONOVER NOW IN PARIS AS RED CROSS CHAPLAIN FATHER OF RICHARD  
S CONOVER EIGHTEENTH INFANTRY KILLED IN ACTION ON MAY TWENTY SEVENTH  
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY PARTICULARS AND WOULD LIKE TO GET POSSESSION OF  
HIS PAPERS AND EFFECTS COMMUNICATE THROUGH ME  
BISHOP JOHN N MCCORMICK MAJOR A R C CHIEF OF BUREAU CHAPLAIN SERVICE.

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NAME

James P. Croover

Chaplain

4 Place de la Tour

A. R. C.



A. E. F.

Rev. Charles C. Pierce  
Major A. G. W.  
Chief, G. H. S.  
A. E. F. Pierce



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O.K.  
C. P. Croover  
Chaplain  
(Command)

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TO:- REGISTRATION BRANCH, G.R.S.

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From:-

Date:

Please furnish information as indicated below regarding the following soldier:-

NAME **CONOVER RICHARD-S.** NUMBER **42659**

RANK **Cpl.** ORGANIZATION **M.G. 18<sup>th</sup> Inf.**

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No.	Question	Reply
1	Do particulars of soldier given above agree with Records?	N.B. All Proper names to be printed in PLAIN BLOCK LETTERS
✓ 2	Date of Death	② 5/27/18
✓ 3	Cause and place of death	③ K/a - CANTIGNY
✓ 4	Number of Casualty Cablegram	④ #148 - Statistical Dist. C.C.
5	Date buried	
✓ 6	Grave location (a) Complete record required (b) Name of cemetery or commune only required	⑤ See note below
7	Who reported burial?	
8	Has report been confirmed by G.R.S.	
9	Report as to grave marker	
10	Report as to identification tags	
✓ 11	Who is nearest relative?	⑥ Rev. J.P. Conover (Father) East Greenwich, R.I.
12	Has N/R been notified? (Give date)	Capt. A.R.C. 4 Place dela Tour d'Avvergne Brest.
13	Report the exact position of your inquiry on this case. (Reply in all cases if no information on record)	
14	What is the photograph No.?	

*Note.*  
 The following information entered on reverse side of Regt Card: 7-20-18 to C.O. M.G. Co. 18<sup>th</sup> INF. G.L.B. returned 9/25/18 without information, stating that trench where body lay was under heavy fire. Trench evacuated and Co. moved on. No other data.  
 12/23/18



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March 28, 1919  
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

RECORD OF COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

From: Mrs. Mary B. Conover, 68 Ayzault St.,  
Newport, R.I.

Dated: March 18, 1919

To: The Adj. Gen'l

Rec'd A. G. O. March 24, 1919.

Subject: Requests that the body of her son remain in France for permanent  
burial.

FILE

Conover

293.8 Conover Richard E.

[Handwritten signature]

FILE  
Date Sig.

293.8 (Conover, \_\_\_\_\_)

1st Ind.

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War Dept., A.G.O., March 28, 1919.- To the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces.

1. The request of Mrs. Mary B. Conover, in the foregoing letter, has been approved.

By order of Secretary of War.

~~W. V. Carter.~~  
P. C. Harris.

The Adjutant General

(Synopsis made)

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sig. \_\_\_\_\_

293.8 (Conover,-----)Enl.

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March 28, 1919.

Mrs. Mary B. Conover,  
68 Ayzault St.,  
Newport, R.I.

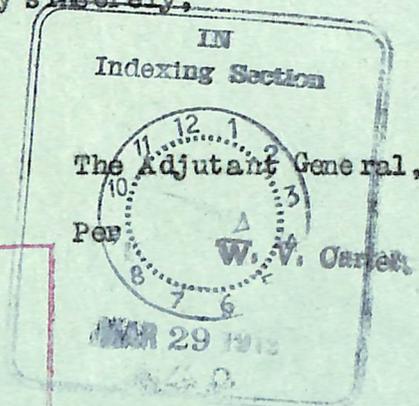
Dear Madam:

Your letter of March 18th has been received and your desire, as expressed therein, relative to the disposition of the body of your son, has been approved by the Secretary of War and your letter forwarded to the Commanding General, A.E.F., with a view to carrying out your wish.

The relatives of the deceased soldiers are being called upon now for an expression of their desires regarding the final disposition of the bodies. If you have not already received such communication from the Department, it will no doubt reach you within a few days, but this will in no way change the action as herein indicated.

It is desired to extend to you the deep sympathy of the Department on account of the great loss you have sustained, and to commend you for the contribution you have made to the cause for which this soldier gave his life.

Very sincerely,



FILE  
Date 3/29/19 Sig. JCR

COMPILATION OF DISPOSITION OF REMAINS DATA

File #2767

I. LOCATION INDEX CARD:

(a) Name CONOVER, Richard S. Ser. No. 45659  
(b) Rank Cpl. Organization M/G/ Co. 18th Inf.  
(c) Date of death 5/27/18 (d) Cause of death K/A

TYP. HB

CKR. HB

5/22/20  
OK  
concentration  
same # 636  
6-8-22

II. REGISTRATION CARD.—(Check Reg., Card Inf. against Loc., Ind., Inf.):

(a) Grave No. 8 Row - Plot - Sec. B TYP. HB  
(b) Emerg. Address Rev. J. P. Conover (father) East Greenwich, R.I.

III. Files of soldiers dying from contagious diseases

NO CARD

CKR. HB

IV. A. G. O. DISPOSITION CARD:

Date of receipt none

(a) Name Mary B. Conover (b) Relationship mother  
(c) Address 68 Assault St., Newport R.I.  
(d) Remains to be brought to U. S.? no  
(e) To be interred in National Cemetery in U. S. at -

OK  
AH

(f) Shipping instructions upon arrival of body in U. S.

(g) Disposition instructions if not brought to U. S.

Examiner's Initials EPR Date 9-15-1920

V. A. G. O. CORRESPONDENCE shows communication from

dated confirming request in Par. IV., item, above, or requesting that

no correspondence

Examiner's Initials EPR Date 9-15-1920

VI. G. R. S. FILES, CORRESPONDENCE—shows as follows:

No request for disposition

(a) Cancellation memos referred to? yes AH

Examiner's Initials AH Date 9-15-1920

COUNTRY France

CEMETERY No. 176

SHEET No. 85

checked by  
at 2-15-21

VII. G. R. S. Form No. 114 made \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.

Typed by \_\_\_\_\_, Checked by \_\_\_\_\_, 1920.



VIII. FINAL ACTION:

Following advice forwarded to Europe by \_\_\_\_\_ cable on \_\_\_\_\_, 1920  
letter on 9/24, 1920

RECEIVED

*Par. # 2. Not to be returned (C.S.)*

IX. CORRECTIONS

CHANGE OF ADVICE.	ACTION TAKEN.
Desires body be _____	
Body to be shipped to _____	

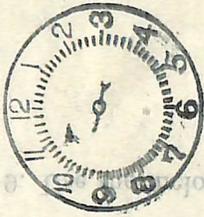
X. SUSPENSION REMARKS: *10/24/20 Form #120 Father Jan P  
Conover, Newport R.I. confirms pre-  
vious instructions. Body to remain in France  
10/21/20 B.S.*

NOV 23 1920

FORM 115 RETURNED BY BOBOKEN - BODY  
TO REMAIN IN EUROPE

C.M.

CEMETERY DIVISION



OCT 21

WAR DEPARTMENT

176-85

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL OF THE ARMY

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GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE

WASHINGTON

FROM: Chief, Graves Registration Service, Q. M. C.

To: <sup>new port</sup> Rev. J. P. Conover, ~~East Greenwich~~, R. I.

OCT 16 1920

SUBJECT: Remains of Cpl. Richard S. Conover, #45659, MG. <sup>Co. 18th Inf.</sup> ~~BN.~~

The records of this office show that you have requested that his body remain in Europe.

If these are not the correct instructions, please correct them. Make corrections on reverse side of this sheet.

The nearest relative may choose between, (1) return of the body to any address in the United States; (2) interment in Arlington, Va., or any other National Cemetery; or (3) remain in Europe.

By authority of the Quartermaster General.

CHARLES C. PIERCE,  
Major, U. S. A.

If all blank spaces below are not filled out, it will necessitate a return of this paper and a **SERIOUS DELAY** in the shipment of this body. State in each case WHETHER these relatives are STILL LIVING.

NAME OF—	NO. AND STREET.	TOWN.	STATE.
Was soldier married?			
Soldier's widow	<i>no</i>		
Soldier's children. (Name oldest first.)			
1			
2			
3			
Father	<i>James Potter Conover</i>	<i>Newport</i>	<i>R. I.</i>
Mother	<i>Mary Bourne Conover</i>		
Brothers. (Name oldest first.)			
1	<i>James Potter</i>		
2			
3			
Sisters. (Name oldest first.)			
1	<i>Mary Bourne</i>		
2	<i>Eleanor Stewart</i>		
3			

Date *Oct. 20, 1920*

Signature *James P. Conover*

Address *Newport, R. I.*

Relationship *father*

IMPORTANT.—**CAREFULLY** read instructions before filling out this paper.

Dec. 20, 1920.

I, the undersigned, am the father and nearest living relative of the within-named

(Relationship.)

soldier, and desire the following disposition of his remains, viz:

(Strike out all except the one showing the disposition desired.)

1. As stated on first page of this sheet.

2. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and shipped to~~ \_\_\_\_\_ (Name.)

(R. R. station.)

(State.)

3. ~~To be returned to the U. S. and buried in~~ \_\_\_\_\_ National Cemetery.

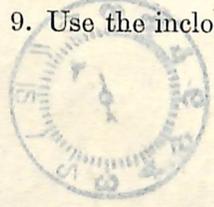
4. To remain in Europe, for burial in a permanent American Cemetery.

Signature James P. Cowver

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT.

1. If definite instruction as to the disposition of a body are not received from the nearest relative within two weeks of its arrival at New York, burial will be made without further notice in the World War Section of Arlington National Cemetery.
2. The transfer of bodies will be made ENTIRELY at Government expense.
3. This paper MUST BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON WHO IS THE NEXT of kin IN THE ORDER shown in the square on the other side of this sheet.
4. This paper must be returned showing the name and address of each of the nearest living relatives in the spaces provided therefor on the other side of this sheet.
5. If there are minor children of the deceased soldier and no widow, the LEGALLY APPOINTED GUARDIAN of the children should ascertain their wishes and act for them in this matter.
6. If YOU are not the nearest relative, please ask the nearest relative, if living near you, to fill out this paper.
7. If YOU are not the nearest living relative and do not know who or where the nearest relatives are, please fill out this paper AT ONCE and mail to this office.
8. You are requested to return this paper AT ONCE in order to avoid delay in the case of this body.
9. Use the inclosed envelope—pay no postage.

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WASHINGTON  
CIVILIAN REGISTRATION SERVICE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT GENERAL SERVICE OF THE ARMY  
WAR DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT DIVISION

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1919

